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Football gets £50m help for all-seat future

Hillsborough report alarms small clubs

By Robin Oakley and John Goodbody

Football pools promoters last night pledged at least £50 million towards implementing the Taylor report on the Hillsborough disaster, which demands that all league grounds become all-seater by the end of the decade.

- English First and Second Division clubs to become all-seater by August 1994, others by August 1999. Rugby and cricket grounds should also phase out standing.
- Spikes to be removed from fences, which should be no higher than 2.2 metres with patrolled emergency gates.
- Ticket touting, throwing missiles, chanting obscene or racist abuse and pitch invasions to be outlawed.
- Electronic "tagging" to keep convicted hooligans away.
- The shelving of the identity card scheme.
- Better police communications within grounds.
- Better first aid and medical facilities, with doctors either on call or at the ground, depending on crowd.

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"The years of patching up grounds, of having periodic disasters and narrowly avoiding many others by muddling through, on a wing and a prayer must be over," he said.

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ing ahead rapidly with his recommendation that all First and Second Division Clubs should have all-seater stadiums by August 1994. Other English and Scottish Premier League clubs will have to do away with terracing by 1999.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said squalid conditions created squalid behaviour and it was essential to safety and better crowd behaviour to move towards all-seater stadiums.

The Football Trust, funded by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their Spot-the-Ball competitions, immediately promised a minimum of £50 million over the next 10 years to help clubs to improve their stadiums.

Typical of the clubs' reactions was that of Mr Jon Pollard of Aldershot, who said: "I wish last week's storms had done us a favour and blown our stands away."

Mr Arthur Sandford, who takes over as the Football League's chief executive on Thursday, said there was a very real possibility that some of the smaller clubs would not be able to afford the improvements and would go to the wall. Other clubs would be forced to move their grounds.

The Government, embarrassed by Lord Justice Taylor's rejection of its identity cards scheme - which he said could increase the chances of congestion and disorder outside grounds - is to implement a whole range of

Honecker leaves cancer ward - for jail



A grim-faced Herr Honecker leaving hospital in East Berlin yesterday after cancer treatment, with his wife holding his arm.

Arrest on treason charges

From Anne McElvoy East Berlin

East Germany's disgraced former leader, Herr Erich Honecker, was yesterday released from hospital and driven straight to an East Berlin jail facing charges of treason, corruption and abuse of office.

Herr Honecker, aged 77, was collected early yesterday morning by his wife and former Education Minister, Frau Margot Honecker and their daughter and grandchild, from the Charité hospital where he had been treated for cancer of the kidney.

Herr Honecker, looking pale but otherwise composed, was accompanied by six plain clothes security men. He

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kissed Frau Honecker before being swept away in a Russian-built Volga accompanied by a policeman.

The couple were rarely seen together during Herr Honecker's later years in power and were rumoured to live apart most of the time. Since their communal fall from grace, they spent more time together and hospital staff said that Frau Honecker was a frequent visitor during her husband's two-week stay.

His doctor, Dr Peter Althaus said that his patient was not fit to face arrest and has asked for him to be taken into medical care. "The patient is very depressed," he told reporters, "he finds it difficult to grasp the current developments."

The Bush budget Plan to halve deficit

From Martin Fletcher and Peter Stothard, Washington

The United States embarked yesterday on the first stage of its most drastic retrenchment since the end of the Second World War.

The Bush Administration unveiled plans yesterday to wind down 69 US military bases, including three in Britain, cut troop levels, kill a series of weapon procurement programmes, and retire many ageing ships and aircraft.

field, and seven other bases are to be closed in Italy, Turkey, Greece, West Germany and South Korea.

It is understood that further closures both in Britain and other countries are under consideration.

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That larger budget envisages a budget deficit for 1991 halved to \$63.1 billion through increased revenues and spending cuts.

The Cold War over, Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, announced his intention to close outright 35 bases in the US and 12 abroad, and to scale back 22 others. In Britain all US operations are to cease at RAF Greenham Common, RAF Fairford, and RAF Wethers-

field, and seven other bases are to be closed in Italy, Turkey, Greece, West Germany and South Korea.

However, cuts in domestic spending programmes - are deeper than those in defence and the package will be bitterly contested by the Democratic-controlled Congress.

The landmark defence budget preserves for the time being both the Strategic Defence Initiative and the equally controversial B2 "Stealth" bomber, but both of those enormously expensive

programmes are under review. The defence budget formed part of a wider \$1,230 billion (£740 billion) federal budget which President Bush presented to Congress yesterday.

Congressmen of both parties will also demand more shutdowns of overseas bases, particularly as the closure of 86 domestic bases was agreed

US reveals details of cuts at bases

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

US Air Force officials, confirming yesterday's report in *The Times*, gave details of the decision to pull out from three RAF bases in Britain, involving the withdrawal of thousands of American servicemen and their families and the transfer of aircraft and refuelling tankers to the US or other European sites.

Cuts in the US defence budget will reduce the number of American main operating bases in Britain from eight to six. Operations will cease at Fairford in Gloucestershire

and Greenham Common in Berkshire. The third base to be effected, at Wethersfield in Essex, is not counted as a main operating base.

Beatwaters in Suffolk will also be affected, although it will remain as an American operating base. At Greenham Common, home to the 501st Tactical Missile Wing, the 1,645 military personnel and 124 US civilians, will be reduced to 400 by September 1991, once all the cruise missiles have

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD DIAMOND JUBILEE

● The Times Crossword - the most famous puzzle in the world - is 60 years old on Thursday. To mark the event we are publishing the Times Diamond Jubilee Crossword, the biggest we have ever compiled.

● The puzzle is not only as challenging as any published over the past 60 years, but carries 12 prizes, including a holiday for two in India plus £1,000 cash. See page 11

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● There was one winner of yesterday's £2,000 prize: see page 3. Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 29

Baby charge

Miss Janet Griffiths, a nurse aged 33, was remanded in custody at Horseferry Road, London, yesterday, accused of abducting a new-born baby, Alexandra Griffiths. Page 2

Moving name

Rise Arrow, the employment group, has written off £81.88 million for the year and, renamed "Manpower", is moving its corporate base to the US. Page 23

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Floods and gales bring more chaos

By John Young

Gales and heavy rain flooded parts of Britain yesterday as engineers struggled to repair power lines severed in last week's storm.

Flood warnings were issued in Wales and the West Country, and the river Severn in Worcester rose to its highest level for 20 years.

The newly formed National Rivers Authority issued warnings of possible flooding in coastal areas. Warnings were in force on several rivers in Devon and Cornwall. Some roads were blocked by fallen trees and landslips.

More than 100,000 householders in southern England were told that power supplies

might not be reconnected until later this week. The South Western Electricity Board warned people against trying to reconnect their own supplies by running leads from nearby houses.

Up to 13,000 homes in Devon were without electricity for the fourth day, and 20 schools were closed. In Cornwall some 15,000 homes were without power and a dozen schools closed.

Twenty-five people were evacuated from their homes after a landslide at Higher Kelly, near Calstock, Cornwall, caused by a garden wall being blown down. Several

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Three gold medals for English

By Our Sports Staff

English athletes won three gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland yesterday.

Kris Akabusi and Sally Gunnell took the men's and women's 400 metres hurdles titles, while Myrtle Auger led an English clean sweep of the medals in the women's shot.

Sebastian Coe, Tom McKean, Iken Billy and Matthew Yates qualified for the men's 800m final on Thursday. However, David Bryant's quest for a record fifth bowls win ended.

The marathon was won by the Kenyan, Wakihuri. Games reports, pages 44, 45, 46

Mandela's release clouded by threat

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

Nelson Mandela has told a friend that he would have "no alternative" but to continue the armed struggle of the African National Congress if Pretoria refuses to unban the organization.

His implicit threat followed indications that President de Klerk may prove more cautious than some have anticipated in a speech he is to make at the opening of Parliament in Cape Town on Friday.

Britain and other governments have been expecting an announcement of Mandela's release while others have speculated that his release might be accompanied by dropping the ANC ban.

However, South African sources said there was more hesitancy about this, because of disappointment over recent statements by ANC leaders in Lusaka.

Mr Dullah Omar, a lawyer and friend of the Mandela family, said that Mandela felt the situation would be "untenable" if he could not pursue the ANC's work.

"He indicated to me that if the organization was not unbanned, he would have no alternative but to continue the struggle where he left off," he said.

Rare feast for the National Trust bookworm

By Simon Tait Arts Correspondent



Innocent bouquets of cut flowers handed out to performers at an autumn music festival may have brought havoc to one of the country's most important collections of rare books.

The National Trust have discovered that beetles have eaten into 5,000 16th and 17th century books at the library at Lanhydrock House near Bodmin in Cornwall.

"We've found two tiny beetles, the biscuit beetle and the Australian spider beetle, and we think they were brought in on the bouquets presented at the autumn festival here in November," said Mrs Tamsin Thomas, of the National Trust.

According to Mr Peter Hammond, the National Trust's beetle expert, the National Trust should have been on their guard against the pests. "Any library which inspects its shelves regularly would have been aware of the presence of these beetles, and I'm not surprised to hear of its presence here. They don't need much water, so they can subsist on very dry material indeed."

Mr Hammond said the National Trust should not have been surprised to find either the Australian spider beetle, *Pilinus tectus*, or the biscuit or bread beetle, *Sitona panicum*, between their covers.

He said: "I would expect to find them in practically every household in every town. The spider beetle is non-flying but could have come in in packing or anything of vegetable origin, and the bread beetle flies around in great numbers. The spider beetle has been known in this country for at least a century and the bread beetle, which is of the same family as the bookworm and the woodworm, since Roman times."

The fact that the books had not been disturbed since last Spring would have given the grub the undisturbed opportunity to have a lengthy feast.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Woman charged with abduction

Miss Janet Griffiths, of Burford, Oxfordshire, appeared in court yesterday accused of abducting the new-born baby Alexandra Griffiths from St Thomas' Hospital, south London, 18 days ago (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Miss Griffiths, a nurse aged 33, was remanded in custody until February 12 by Mr Ronald Moss, the stipendiary magistrate at Horseferry Road court in London. She was charged under section two of the 1984 Child Abduction Act.

Mr David Archer, for the Crown Prosecution Service, asked that a second charge of child stealing, brought under the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act, should be withdrawn as the relevant section had been repealed.

Miss Griffiths smiled nervously at the crowded courtroom when she entered the dock. She spoke once, saying "Yes" to confirm her name and address.

Mr Archer asked for a two-week remand in custody for the preparation of medical and social inquiry reports. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Pay deal for dons

Union leaders agreed yesterday to a compromise with polytechnic and college directors which could end the long-running examination boycott by dons (Sam Kiley writes).

The Polytechnics and Colleges Employers Forum agreed at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to include part-time academics in national pay bargaining. Academics will be asked in a national vote in the next fortnight to support the agreement for a 6 per cent pay rise, backdated to last April, with 1.5 per cent back-dated from last September. Senior lecturers will get a £750 bonus.

Gorden Kaye 'better'

The actor Gordon Kaye, star of BBC Television's 'Allo 'Allo, who received serious head injuries when wood was blown through his car windshield during last Thursday's gales, was moved out of intensive care into a general ward at Charing Cross Hospital yesterday (Libby Jukes writes).

His condition was described as "serious, but stable and improving all the time," Miss Alison Griffin, for the producers of the 'Allo 'Allo stage show, said: "It's too early yet to say he's out of danger. But he is now aware of people, recognizes their voices, and responds by squeezing hands."

Branagh shares deal

CBS UK said yesterday that it had become the majority shareholder in Renaissance Films, a company set up by Kenneth Branagh the actor (Andrew Lyett writes).

CBS UK is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sony, the Japanese company which took over the Hollywood studio Columbia for \$3.4 billion. In Britain CBS UK operates largely as a record, music publishing and video distribution company. Mr Branagh's related Renaissance Theatre and film companies will benefit from being part of the wider CBS and Sony corporate empire, including Columbia.

New chief for Justice

Lord Alexander of Weidon, QC, chairman of the National Westminster Bank, has been elected chairman of the Council for Justice, the all-party law reform group and the British section of the International Commission of Jurists (Frances Gibb writes). A member of the council for many years, he recently appeared for Teo Soh Lung, a Singapore solicitor, when she was seeking release from detention in Singapore. Her previous counsel was banned from practice in Singapore.

Litigation reform, page 4

Ulster resignation

The vice-chairman of the Northern Ireland Police Authority is to retire for "personal reasons", after remarks she is alleged to have made about the Royal Ulster Constabulary sparked a dispute. Mrs Phyllis Bateson has told Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, she wants to leave at the end of the month. Mr Ken Maginnis, a Unionist MP, said in the Commons last June that Mrs Bateson made the remarks at a reception for Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, before his retirement last May.

Cabinet resists call for defence cuts

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

Senior ministers moved yesterday to damp down hopes that the upheavals in Eastern Europe will bring big cash savings in Britain's defence budget.

Foreign Office ministers are lining up with the Ministry of Defence and the Prime Minister to resist Treasury pressure for big cutbacks in men and weapons.

Ministerial sources insisted that the scope for reductions was "limited". They do not envisage much of a "peace dividend" for the United Kingdom, regardless of moves by Warsaw Pact countries to send home Soviet troops.

They maintain that Britain's long-term defence interests are served by ensuring that the United States retains

a sizeable military presence on the Continent.

That could be achieved only by Britain and its continental Nato partners continuing to shoulder their share of the burden in the defence of Western Europe.

Labour accused Cabinet "dinosaurs" of being totally confused over their stance on defence cuts while Whitehall sources scorned weekend press reports of "huge" cuts in defence spending in the pipeline.

Suggestions that troop levels could be cut by a third were greeted with "hysterical laughter" in the Ministry of Defence, and government sources issued a warning against counting the chickens of future savings.

Mr Martin O'Neill, the Opposition's chief defence spokesman, insisted that Mr Douglas Hurd, the

Foreign Secretary, had backtracked from his talk of converting "tanks into tractors".

Mr O'Neill said that while the Treasury pressed for economies at the Ministry of Defence, Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, vied with one another in painting a "bleaker" picture of events in the East.

"This shambles has to be contrasted with clear calls from the Dutch and Belgian Governments for Western consideration of troop reductions in non-American, foreign, Nato forces in West Germany," Mr O'Neill told students at Manchester University.

"While it may be some time before these changes are fully implemented, the European Allies should be insisting that it is not only the United States

that benefits from the changes in Eastern Europe."

Government sources insisted that the talks in Vienna on Conventional Forces in Europe were the way to retain security at reduced arms levels.

Ministry of Defence sources said there were no plans for a defence review, maintaining that the fluidity and uncertainty surrounding events in the East made such an exercise futile. However, defence budgets were being continually reassessed through the annual spending round and long-term costings.

"Sceptical" Treasury officials, warning up for the annual review of public spending later in the year, were said to be behind reports that Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was pressing for big defence cuts and had clashed with the Prime Minister.

Closure of US base to cost jobs

By Ray Clancy

Closure of the American military base at Wetherfield, Essex has put 118 jobs at risk.

Colonel Tom High, installation commander, said the US Air Force spends £5-6 million in the community including service contracts and equipment supplies.

People working at the base were told yesterday about the closure proposal.

Commander High said most of the 513 air force personnel and their families will be sad to leave.

"When the roses are blooming in the summer this is the best looking base in the world. The quality of life here is exceptional. It is considered one of the most attractive assignments for US forces."

He said that the official communication from Washington regarding relocation indicated budget considerations were the main reason behind the decision but that the political situation worldwide was also a factor.

"This has not come as a major surprise. We have known for the past nine years that the future of the base was under consideration," he said.

The official communication read: "US Air Force operations will be terminated in mid-1991. The 819 civil engineering squadrons and the 2,166 combat construction attachments and support units assigned to the base will be inactivated in late 1990."

Colonel High said it was up to the Ministry of Defence, which owns the base, to decide what happens. It could be completely deactivated and closed down, put on automatic standby or used for a non-military purpose. MOD officials are meeting local councillors on Wednesday to discuss closure.

Air staff at the base work on major construction programmes and are on standby to undertake rapid runway repairs in wartime for US Air Force bases throughout Britain. They are also prepared to provide support services for Nato.

The airfield was first developed in 1941 under wartime emergency conditions and when construction was completed in January 1944 the US Ninth Bomber Command took over. It was involved in the invasion of June 6, 1944, and took part in big missions over Europe at the end of the Second World War.

In 1952 it reopened when the US Air Force 20th Fighter Bomber Group arrived.

Rebellion by skilled staff could cripple Ford plants

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Ford motor company was faced with a rebellion by its skilled craftsmen last night which threatened to cripple its main plants in Britain.

The unofficial strike at the company's Halewood site on Merseyside continued, with the loss of vehicles valued at £11 million a day, as shop stewards meeting in Birmingham decided to ask skilled craftsmen at Dagenham, Bridgend, Swansea and Croydon to join the action.

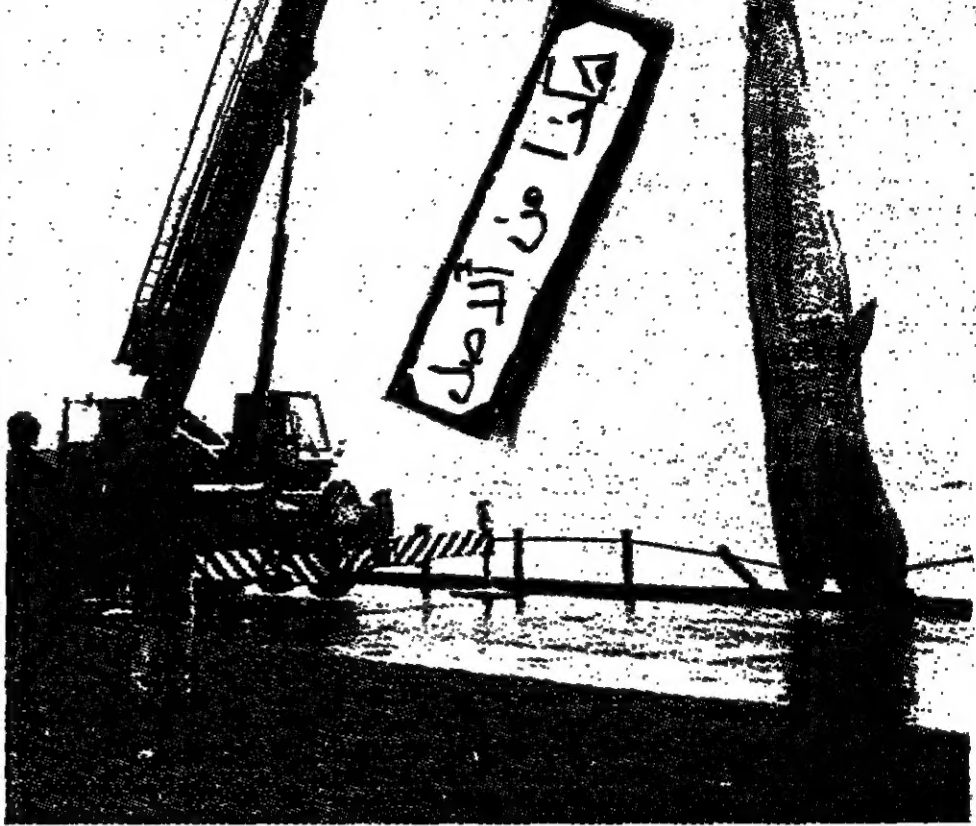
In a separate development, Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, accused the company of "for many years putting down the interests of skilled workers".

The Halewood action is already halting work at the Southampton plant which makes Transit vans.

Skilled staff claim the two-year agreement accepted last week by the company's 32,000 hourly-paid workers will erode their differentials.

Mr Arthur Barklem, chairman of the craftsmen's national group, said they were against the terms of the company offer. They would ask the Amalgamated Engineering Union to make any strike action official.

He condemned the offer as a "slap in the face to craftsmen" and said other union negotiators acted "like an eastern European dictatorship".



A heavy-lift crane hoisting a 38ft baleen whale from the shore at Sandgate, near Folkestone, yesterday. The eight-ton mammal was first washed ashore last Friday at Greatstone, Romney Marsh, after the gales last Friday, but the sea took the carcass back and it was eventually beached 10 miles along the coast at Sandgate. The A259 in east Kent had to be closed for two hours during the operation. After council workers dragged it clear of the beach the crane lifted it on to a low loader. The whale's undignified grave was a rubbish tip 25 miles away, where it was buried under a pile of refuse. Kent police, which provided an escort for its last journey, said last night: "We were contacted by the council because of the number of spectators gathering at the scene." Dr Ray Gambell, of the International Whaling Commission, said that between 60 and 70 sea mammals were beached on British coasts every year, but it was less common for a baleen whale to be washed ashore.

Labour proposals for 'fresh start' London

Elected body to replace GLC

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock committed a Labour government yesterday to creating a "lean and tightly managed" elected authority to run London.

The Labour Party hopes that it will be based in County Hall, the home of the defunct Greater London Council, on the south bank of the Thames.

Mr Kinnock made the revival of a strategic authority to replace the GLC, to plan, coordinate and promote the development of London, the centrepiece of proposals for a "fresh start" in governing the capital with funding to make it a "cleaner, greener and safer" place to live and work.

He accused the Government of letting London "choke itself into paralysis." Labour has decided to make the Government's treatment of London a key local and national campaigning issue.

Mr Kinnock said support for a strategic body came from people who were not Labour voters. Even among those hostile to the political control

of the GLC in its latter years, there was a strong majority in favour of its retention.

Labour's package includes contracts between local authorities and householders to provide a guaranteed level of service with powers for a quality commission to intervene.

It also includes public transport subsidies and "substantial investment" in extra buses, tubes and trains and new lines, including cross-London links. Public safety will be given a new priority, particularly for women, with a review of ticket barriers, increased staff and better lighting at stations and bus stops.

First-time home buyers will be given tax help to enable them to bring forward part of their tax relief to the early years of their mortgage when costs are high and income is low. Litter "hotlines", allowing residents to call council litter clearance teams, are also included in the proposals.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said

the new London body would have responsibility for public transport, planning, roads, the police, the fire service and waste disposal. Details are not complete and will be the subject of talks between Labour and the London boroughs, although its electoral base is expected to be similar. County Hall, the subject of a planning application for hotel development, would be the most obvious location and would meet with the wishes of most Londoners, Mr Gould said.

Mr Kinnock spoke as Labour published a report on what it called the "chaos of shabby London". It said: "Living in a capital city should be a matter of pride. Instead, Londoners are beginning to feel ashamed of their city. No city in the Western world is treated with such contempt by its national government."

The report, *London Pride*, said: "London has the resources and skills to tackle its problems. But this government has denied local councils and public bodies the powers they need."

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative chairman, said: "Labour must put their own house in order. After all, they control no fewer than eight of the 12 inner London boroughs and seven others besides."

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Ambulance staff call for action by public

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Ambulance union leaders will defy threats of legal action today and embark on a huge gamble which they hope will force the Government to discuss their claims for more money and an inflation proof mechanism.

They want workers all over Britain to take part today in a 15-minute "period of national conscience" in support of the life-saving ambulance service "to demonstrate support for their cause."

Mr Roger Poole, the chief union negotiator, and his colleagues, know that unless the action is impressive, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, will have no reason to move from his position that the basic offer of 9 per cent over 18 months cannot be improved.

The Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors have issued a

Sky to start charging film channel viewers

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Sky Television will start charging viewers to watch films from next Monday, a year to the day after the four-channel satellite TV network was launched.

The subscription service for Sky Movies, costing £9.92p a month, will make it the first British direct-to-home pay television service. A new encryption system, which Sky claims is pirate proof, will mean Sky can limit its broadcasts to paying customers.

Subscribers will slot a viewers card into a TV set decoder to descramble the scrambled picture beamed to homes from the Astra satellite. The viewers card - the size of a credit card - will be changed regularly to prevent pirating, which has plagued previous pay-as-you-view services.

Scrambling of films will be phased in during February and March but there are no plans "in the foreseeable future" to scramble Sky's other three channels, Mr Gary Davey, joint managing director of Sky, said yesterday.

Sky Movies will show 400 different films during 1990 as well as big events such as the world heavyweight contest between Mike Tyson and James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo next month.

Our report, "Two Militants land Euro jobs" (January 18), incorrectly stated that Frank Mills, a former Liverpool councillor, had been a leading Militant supporter and had been expelled from the Labour Party. Mr Mills remains an active member of the Labour Party and we apologize for indicating otherwise.

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Pamella Bordes libel case

Editors like a pair of crashing steam engines, says judge

By Robin Young

The libel clash between two Sunday newspaper editors was like two great steam locomotives crashing head-on, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice Michael Davies said Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, and Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, put him in mind of a photograph captioned "When Greek meets Greek".

The two giants approached each other on the same track and collided head-on. There was no sign, he said, of the person who precipitated the disaster.

"You may think there is a parallel between that photograph and this case," the judge said. "Here is a collision between two locomotives, head-on, and two drivers. Greek has indeed met Greek over the past five days."

The absent catalyst was Mrs Pamela Bordes, who might now be regarded as "yesterday's woman", the judge said. But, in the words of one witness, she had been the most famous woman in the country apart from the Royal Family, when the contested articles were published.

Mr Justice Davies was summing up in the case in which Mr Neil and Times Newspapers are suing Mr Worsthorne and his newspaper over two articles and a cartoon relating to Mr Neil's relationship with Mrs Bordes, a former Commons researcher exposed as a prostitute.

Mr Neil claims the articles implied that he had known during his four-month affair with Mrs Bordes that she was a call girl. The defendants deny the meaning alleged.

Earlier, Mr Patrick Milmo, QC, for Mr Worsthorne, had said in his summing-up that the trial was about the freedom to comment and not "a battle between the permissive society and the maintenance of Victorian values".

The verdict could not be interpreted as being in favour of one sexual code, or against the other. It concerned the freedom to criticize those who occupied positions of prominence and importance in public life.

Adapting and developing the words of Lord Diplock, he said: "It will be a sorry day for this country if someone of the intellect, independence of mind and originality of thought of Mr Worsthorne was prevented or restricted or penalized from expressing his opinions on the conduct of persons in public life."

Mr Milmo said Mr Worsthorne had put his case with eloquence, fluency and style. That it was convincing - even to Mr Neil and his lawyers - was indicated by their efforts to discredit him by producing a book in which Mr Worsthorne referred "with gentle humour" to a school-boy sexual encounter 50 years before.

Mr Neil was a person of "unimpaired reputation" and by general consensus "a dedicated and successful journalist and editor," Mr Milmo said.

That would remain the position whatever the outcome of this case. Mr Neil's reputation was not at stake.

Nor would the jury be passing judgement on the attitudes to standards of behaviour indicated by the evidence given by Mr Neil and Mr Worsthorne, who were

"poles apart, metaphorically at opposite ends of the world."

Mr Neil's complaint was that the cartoon, a leading article headlined "Playboys as editors" and a feature, "Dangerous liaisons", meant he had consorted with a woman he knew to be a prostitute and for that reason was unfit to be editor of *The Sunday Times*.

There was no complaint about allegations of irresponsibility, self-indulgence, bringing a newspaper into disrepute, frivolity, lack of dignity and decorum, imprudence or loose sexual behaviour, Mr Milmo said.

The "highly unlikely and extraordinary" allegation that Mr Neil claimed was being made in the articles was that a person should have had an affair with a lady in full knowledge that when the girl was not going out with him she was having sex for a few

which he could have stated "no doubt to great effect, what an ill-informed, misguided, idiotic old buffer Peregrine Worsthorne was, if that's what he thinks about him."

Mr Milmo said the question of damages did not arise because Mr Neil had not been libelled and his reputation was "unstained", but if the jury did feel Mr Neil had won the encounter, it should award him enough to buy a few rounds of drinks for his friends and supporters - "even at tramp prices" - and "let that be an end to it."

In his summing-up, Mr Richard Rampton, QC, for Mr Neil, said the message to *The Sunday Telegraph* readers had been that Mr Neil had been "caught with his trousers down in a tart's bedroom".

The articles meant that "this naughty, lecherous man has been caught out and is in a cold sweat in case it is going to come out - a cold sweat of guilt and fear."

Accusing Mr Worsthorne of "trumpeting from the pulpit", Mr Rampton said the reader was being told that Mr Neil ought to be removed as *Sunday Times* editor.

Mr Worsthorne had painted a picture of "lurid, sleazy colours" of Mr Neil as a playboy, a "lecherous, self-indulgent man who spends his leisure time consorting with lift-raft and a prostitute."

However, the jury had seen from Mr Neil's tip that he was a sober, intelligent and hard-working man, perhaps "a little bit grey". It would be hard to think of a less likely playboy.

"What the tabloids were saying, what Mr Worsthorne may have wished or imagined or heard from Fleet Street gossip-mongers, are not facts." It was no good, Mr Worsthorne saying Mrs Bordes was a gold digger and that Trump nightclub was a pick-up joint. This was just his overblown imagination. His attack was "buckets of insincere hogwash".

Mr Neil was a hard-working man who at the tender age of 34 had been appointed to the editorship of a great national newspaper and made a huge success of it.

But his world was suddenly brought down on his head last March when the *News of the World* disclosed that Pamela Bordes was a call girl.

After that he suffered in dignified silence the ghastly embarrassment of salacious publicity in the popular press, Mr Rampton said.

Then *The Sunday Telegraph* jumped on the bandwagon with articles aimed specifically at Mr Neil "based on the wholly false assumption that he had an affair with a girl he knew was a tart."

It was not jocular satire or light-hearted teasing, but a deliberate demolition job by a serious newspaper, an unfair and malicious attack on a decent man whose only "sin" was to fall for a pretty girl.

Mr Neil made no demands for money. He had wanted a correction and apology, but his request was thrown back at him in an arrogant and high-handed rebuke for questioning Mr Worsthorne's opinion.

Mr Rampton said the jury was not being asked for gigantic damages in hundreds of thousands - just for a decent sum.

The judge will resume his summing up today.



● Here is a collision, head-on, between two locomotives and two drivers ●

Mr Justice Michael Davies

hundred pounds with a visiting businessman in an hotel. "Ignore the moral aspects for a moment. On hygienic or health grounds alone, that would be lunatic behaviour," Mr Milmo said.

Mr Worsthorne did not make his comments in a "factual vacuum". He had gathered his information from press coverage, from information which came to him in journalistic circles and from his experience of the world.

Mr Milmo asked the jury whether - having heard Mr Worsthorne give evidence - there could be a "finer example" of a person expressing honestly held opinions on a matter of public interest.

He had demolished the plaintiff's "somewhat frail" case that his article was malicious and designed to boost his paper's circulation.

Undoubtedly, Mr Neil was resentful about Mr Worsthorne's article. Mr Milmo told the jury, "You will have to ask yourself whether he is a person who easily accepts criticism - particularly from editors of rival newspapers."

Mr Neil certainly appeared to have "little respect" for Mr Donald Treford, editor of the *Observer*.

But was it necessary to go through the current court case - which had provided "diversion and entertainment" for millions during some "grey, stormy January days" - in retribution? Mr Neil had his own newspaper - "hundreds of pages" of it - in

Shotgun courage captured on camera



A man aged 63 tackling a robber armed with a sawn-off shotgun is captured by a bank's security cameras. The act of bravery was rewarded yesterday when Mr John Scates, right, received an award from Scotland Yard's Flying Squad (David Sapsted writes).

Mr Scates was queuing at his local branch of Barclays Bank at Harlesden, north-west London, when three masked men burst in. He saw one of them grab him by the throat and pointed the gun at his stomach.

He then made a grab for the gun and struggled with the man before being thrown to the floor.

Commander John O'Connor, head of the Flying Squad, who presented the award, said: "His actions were incredible, especially as he took on a dangerous armed man who was part of a team of three. He almost stopped the robbery taking place."

Mr Scates, the oldest person to receive the award, was also made an honorary member of the squad.

The pensioner, who keeps fit by walking and swimming, said: "I'm very pleased to be given this award but I now think that what I did was

stupid rather than brave."

He said: "If someone had told me before-hand I would act in the way I did, I wouldn't have believed them."

After throwing Mr Scates to the ground, one of the gang stood with his foot on his chest and kept a shotgun trained on him. Mr Scates was bruised but otherwise uninjured.

The robbers, who escaped with £4,000 in the raid last September, are still being sought.

Mr Scates, a retired buyer for a chemical engineering firm, is being put forward for a higher police award.

He said: "My first instinct when I saw the gun pointed at me was one of annoyance so I just grabbed it. Even when I was lying on the floor with it pointing at me, I didn't feel frightened, just very angry."

His wife, Anne, aged 70, said: "On the day it happened, I came in from my part-time job and asked him how his day had been."

"He said he had been involved in a bit of a do at the bank but it wasn't until the evening that any details at all emerged. That's just like him. He's very modest."



Consolation for illness

A retired hotelier was the sole winner of the £2,000 prize in the Portfolio Platinum competition yesterday.

Mr Arthur Stirling, aged 79, of St David's, Dyfed, said his win was "a pleasant consolation" for being "grounded" after a bad asthma attack.

"My wife and I usually spend a couple of months in Grenada at this time of year, but I've recently been instructed not to travel. Now that doesn't seem quite so disappointing," Mr Stirling said.

£415,000 for child injured during birth

By Paul Wilkinson

A child who was delivered still-born, but saved from death by skilled medical care, was yesterday awarded £415,000 damages against the maternity hospital where she was born.

For although doctors were able to resuscitate Emma Husband, staff at King's College Hospital in south London had earlier failed to notice her declining condition inside the womb and she was left with permanent brain damage.

In the High Court in London yesterday Mr Justice

Ognall approved the agreed award by the Cumberwell Area Health Authority to Miss Ruth Husband, the mother, on behalf of Emma, now aged five.

He ordered that £35,000 be paid at once for past expenses and for the devoted care she had given over the years.

Mr John Crowley, QC, her counsel, told the court that Emma, who now lives with her 30-year-old mother at Newark House, Loughborough Road, Brixton, was nine days overdue when admitted

to the hospital.

There were signs of danger when tests showed the foetal heartbeat slowing and immediate steps should have been taken to effect a delivery, Mr Crowley said.

But nothing was done. Emma was technically still-born - but a senior paediatrician saved her life. She was kept in intensive care for three days after birth, but the damage had been done.

She could not walk until she was 22 months old and only began to talk last year with a

limited vocabulary. She attends a special school but is never expected to get beyond a mental age of seven or eight.

"It's plain that a great deal of care is required," Mr Crowley said. "She will never achieve independent living."

Afterwards Miss Husband, who wept as Mr Crowley told of the blunders which led to Emma's handicap, said: "It's been a long struggle. No amount of money could compensate for what Emma could have been."

"I am very relieved it is

over. But it should not have taken so long. They held out until the end of last year before admitting it was their fault even though within weeks they had evidence to show that it was."

"She is a happy soul but looking after her is a 24-hour job. She still wakes two or three times a night. She talks now but like a two-year-old and her progress is slow."

Mr Roger Bell, QC, for the health authority, said they wished to express publicly their regret.

Dentist is accused of assault

A dentist fondled six women patients while they were seated in his surgery a Manchester Crown Court jury was told yesterday.

Mr Rodney Klevan, QC, prosecuting, alleged that Mr Neil Larah also followed a seventh woman home claiming he was worried about her pulse rate and sexually abused her. Later he telephoned and asked her to go back to his surgery. She told him she could remember everything that had happened.

Larah, aged 32, of Kilworth Close, Whitefield, Manchester denies seven charges of indecently assaulting patients.

Mr Klevan said the alleged assaults occurred while the women were recovering from the effects of Valium. In six cases the pattern was similar - the woman would be given the drug to ease the fear of pain and, it was said, could not protect herself.

Some of the victims tried to raise their arms as Larah fondled their breasts over their clothing but could not move because of the effects of the drug, it was alleged. The first offence occurred when the nurse at the surgery had her back turned. The victim had tried to push the dentist away.

Eventually Mr Larah was questioned by police and said the woman may have either dreamed or misinterpreted what had happened. "I deny everything that is alleged - absolutely," he said.

The trial continues today.

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Prisoner 'died of heat in van'

By Mark Souster

A man died from heat stroke in a prison van whose ventilation system did not work properly, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Terence O'Shea, aged 43, was found dead in one of the small metal enclosed cells of the eight-ton truck which prisoners called "the sweatbox", a jury at Blackpool was told.

Mr O'Shea died on the 50 mile journey from Blackpool magistrates' court to Risley remand centre during last summer's heat wave when temperatures reached 28C.

Five hours after he died his body temperature was still 2C above normal. Dr James Burns, a Home Office pathologist who carried out the post mortem examination said: "I'm satisfied that death was as a result of heat

stroke." Police Constable Ian Heed said that during the 2½ hour journey prisoners complained about the heat inside the van.

Some stripped to their underpants while others tried to open emergency escape hatches to let in air.

Mr Dean Armstrong, aged 20, from Blackpool, who travelled in the same van three days before Mr O'Shea died said that after he was locked into his cell he passed out from the heat. He spent 10 days in hospital recovering.

Mr Samuel Lee, the coroner, told the jury that the vehicle did not make the 50 air changes an hour laid down by Lancashire Constabulary specifications.

The jury inspected the vehicle. The inquest continues today.

Rare bronze figure may make £500,000

A rare 16th-century Renaissance bronze figure modelled by Giambologna is expected to make more than £500,000 in a Christie's sculpture sale in London, on April 11.

It shows Hercules slaying the Lernaean Hydra, one of the six labours of Hercules, commissioned from the artist by his patron, Grand Duke Francesco de Medici, in 1576. The statue was originally intended as a silver cast to crown the arches of the Tribuna in the Uffizi Gallery. None survived. The bronze

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by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market
Correspondent

offered for sale is felt by Christie's to be the best of very few surviving examples of the subject. It was cast by Antonio Susini, famed for his outstanding casting and chasing of Giambologna's metalwork. The sculpture, belonging to an anonymous vendor, is 16in high and shows important

Italian and north European influences. Christie's weekend English furniture sale in New York made \$3,846,535 (£2,317,189), the highest total achieved there for a sale of mixed properties.

A gilded zinc and copper weathervane in the shape of a horse and rider made \$770,000 (£465,116) at Sotheby's in New York in a \$2.5 million (£1,575,980) record-breaking sale of 19th-century folk art belonging to the late Mr Bernard Baranowitz of Mar-

borough, New Hampshire. The figure, made in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1860, made a record for a single piece of US folk art.

The Baranowitz collection, considered the best of its kind to come to auction for 11 years, was the highlight of an American event which made \$7,569,017 (£4,572,042). Mr John Craddock, a Land Rover enthusiast, from Cannock, auctioned his collection of 32 at Baginbun of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, in a sale which made £70,000.

CORRECTION

Report on social conditions

Church tempers its criticism with government praise

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Church of England moved quickly yesterday to defuse a potential quarrel with the Government by insisting that the Government deserved credit for improvements in social conditions over the past five years.

Although a new report backed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, declared that free market capitalism must be subjected to a "theological critique", church spokesmen insisted the same was no less true of socialism or any other political ideology, and they were therefore not specifically attacking the Government.

The "injustice" of the Government's treatment of inner-city problems was "less grave now than it was five years ago", the Bishop of Willesden, the Right Rev Thomas Butler, said yesterday when he introduced the report, which describes progress since the Church of England's controversial survey of the inner cities which appeared in 1985.

While there were improvements in many areas and the average was better, housing and homelessness had become more acute in the past five years. "We now have young people begging in the streets because they have no income and nowhere to go," he said.

The bishop was speaking at a press conference to launch *Living Faith in the City*, a comprehensive review of the response to *Faith in the City*, which appeared in a storm of adverse publicity in 1985 after anonymous government sources had branded it Marxist.

As before, leaks of the report in advance had presented it as another left-wing attack

on government policy and its whole philosophy. Dr Butler went to a lot of trouble to reassure the Government that that was not the case.

There was a wide debate going on, both inside the Church and outside, about "whether a free market approach will be sufficient, acceptable, or successful," he said. "We do not seek to prejudice this debate."



Dr Thomas Butler: Wide debate on the free market.

In a message to the press conference, the Archbishop of Canterbury welcomed the report and said: "Social and economic conditions for some have greatly improved, and the church has been glad to be associated with many local projects..."

"There remains a very clear challenge both to the Church and to the nation to persevere, until we see the end of what *Faith in the City* called 'a grave and fundamental injustice.' This will be achieved only by partnership between all religious and secular bodies concerned, both nationally

and socially," Dr Butler said the greatest change over five years was that whereas inner-city problems were not on the Government's list of priorities at all five years ago, they were now high on it. The report itself declares that it "warmly welcomes the major public commitment made by the Government to the problems of inner cities".

However, there was still "anger" because of continuing privatisation in some areas; "some of this continuing anger inevitably finds its way into our report."

Surveying the state of poverty in Britain, the report says that "for a considerable number of people the picture looks bleaker than it did in 1985. For some at least this is because, in real terms, they have actually less cash in their pocket now than then. For many it is because their relative position is now much weaker."

Single people were among those who were suffering more, with significant increases in the number of young people who were homeless. "This is the cumulative effect of changes in income support and housing benefit, the inability to receive help with a deposit or rent in advance, low wages, and lack of low-cost rented accommodation. The Government's belief is that young people should be the responsibility of their parents and should remain at home, but many young homeless people have no home to return to."

Living Faith in the City (Church House Bookshop, Great Smith Street, London SW1 3BN; £5.50).

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Bright bouquet for a princess



Arjun Tatta, left, and Katie Yexley, both aged three, patients who have been treated successfully for leukaemia, chatting happily with the Princess of Wales yesterday during her visit to the Royal Marsden Hospital, south London.

Law reform may stop successful litigants facing huge legal bill

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A reform of the law in the wake of the case involving two sisters who had a big legal bill after clearing their names in the face of shoplifting charges brought by the supermarket chain Tesco, was announced yesterday.

The sisters' legal action against Tesco highlighted the way High Court cost rules can work to the disadvantage of successful litigants and fuelled pressure for change.

The reform announced by the Lord Chancellor, to come into force on February 5, does not alter the way costs rules work, but could encourage more pre-trial settlements.

Litigants bringing actions for libel, slander, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, will be able to apply for leave to make a statement in court before deciding whether or not to accept a settlement.

Such statements can be crucial to plaintiffs in libel actions for clearing their names. At present, they have to decide whether to accept the money paid into court by the defendants before they know if the judge will also allow them to make a statement in open court.

In the Tesco case, Mrs Ann

Castell faced £50,000 legal costs after they were awarded £800 in their action against Tesco for wrongful arrest, libel and slander.

They had been wrongly accused of trying to cheat the store of £2 by switching price labels. Charges were dropped.

The two women originally refused to accept an offer of £3,000 paid into court by way of settling the case. They

persisted with their action, but when it came to court, they were awarded the lesser sum of £1,600 between them and were liable for the £50,000 legal costs.

If the damages awarded had exceeded the £3,000 paid into court, they would not have been given the legal costs bill. The two women subsequently had their libel award increased to £7,500 each at the Court of

Appeal, which removed the costs bill.

Pressure on the Law Society from the National Consumer Council and the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau to require solicitors to give clients costs estimates before starting work is being resisted by solicitors.

At a recent meeting of presidents and secretaries of local law societies throughout England and Wales, Mr John Aucott, a Law Society council member, urged that a new rule be brought in, requiring solicitors to give advance information on charges.

He urged an end to "the ritual, mystique and change by ambush we operate, which really gives us a very bad name".

However, according to a report of the meeting in this week's *Law Society Gazette*, delegates "expressed unease with the idea of compulsion, together with a traditional reluctance to talk money before any work was done".

The Law Society has started to consult its members on whether a rule should be brought in requiring both terms of business to be set out and obliging firms to give information on the firm's internal arrangements for complaints handling.

Law firms facing fight for graduates

Solicitors' firms seeking their annual intake of graduates will face tough competition from public sector employers at the national Law Fair in March (Frances Gibb writes).

Improved pay and career conditions in the public sector are starting to make employers such as the Government legal service and Crown Prosecution Service look more attractive.

Miss Anne-Marie Martin, senior careers adviser at the University of London, which is running the fair at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, in association with the Law Society and *The Times*, said that public sector employers had had difficulty recruiting in the past because their work was thought to be dull compared with private client work. At the fair the Army Legal Services, the Home Office magistrates' courts section and Lawyers in Local Government will host stands. The European Commission, concerned that the United Kingdom is under-represented in the Commission and wanting to encourage more graduates to seek jobs there, will also be represented.

Call to move Irish prisoners

Mr Gerard Conlon, one of the wrongfully imprisoned Guildford four, who were released last year, yesterday backed calls for more prisoners to be transferred from British jails to Ireland.

His support came on the day a report, *The Transfer of Prisoners*, was published. It is supported by Lord Hylton, a prison reform campaigner, and prison organizations.

Mr Conlon, who was released last October after serv-

ing 14 years, said of the difficulties for Irish prisoners of family visits: "At times, you feel as if you are more or less strangers because of the barrier the lack of visits puts between you and your family."

The report said unannounced prison transfers and surveillance and arrest of visitors also put relationships under considerable strain.

It called on the Home Office and Northern Ireland Office to grant more transfer requests

on humanitarian grounds, and on the Irish Government to ratify the Council of Europe treaty on the transfer of sentenced prisoners, essential for those sentenced abroad.

The report is sponsored by the Committee on the Administration of Justice, the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas, the National Association of Probation Officers, and the Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.



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Vandals blamed for rail collapse

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

InterCity services between London and Birmingham were badly disrupted yesterday after the collapse of a section of overhead electric cable which, transport police believe, was caused by vandals.

The incident, one of the most serious acts of vandalism in the area, occurred at Lea Hall, on the outskirts of Birmingham.

About a quarter of a mile of overhead cable was ripped from its supporting gantry when the pantograph (which passes electric current from the cables) of the 6.40pm from Euston to Wolverhampton hit an obstruction placed in its path, officers said.

Five passenger coaches were damaged, the train brought to a standstill and 200 passengers stranded were left stranded.

Three passengers received minor cuts from glass caused by falling debris smashing carriage windows. The impact left the pantograph hanging on the side of the train.

Detective Inspector Keith Meager, who is leading the inquiry, said the incident was extremely serious. "We often have to deal with mindless acts of vandalism, like bricks or stones being thrown at trains, but this is particularly bad," he said.

Mr Meager said the transport police were investigating a possible offence of "obstruction with intent", which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. He appealed to the public for help.

British Rail was forced to reduce normal services every 30 minutes between London and Birmingham to every hour. Diversions around Birmingham added an extra 30 minutes to journey times. Services are expected to return to normal this morning.

Transport police are still investigating the derailment of the Oxford to Paddington express at Ealing, west London, last August in which seven passengers and the driver received minor injuries after vandals left a segment of track in the path of trains.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said afterwards railway vandals faced long jail sentences for "dangerous and totally irresponsible behaviour".

A recent Railway Inspectorate report said there were more than 300 train accidents in 1988, "a quarter of which were caused by malicious acts, usually the result of obstructions placed on the line".

Footpath victory for Ramblers

The Ramblers' Association won its battle yesterday to save three footpaths from closure (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The High Court ruled that a decision by magistrates at Folkestone, Kent, allowing the footpaths through the Romney Marshes at Lydd to be blocked, was invalid.

Lord Justice Woolf, sitting with Mr Justice Hill in London, said notices put up by Kent County Council stating its intention to apply to magistrates to block the roads were misleading because they said, incorrectly, that an alternative route would be available.

Since the start of the journey at Seal Nunatals on July 27, the team has weathered a severe 60-day storm, with winds blowing to 100mph, temperatures as low as -26C and windchill factors of -80C. Team members, including the navigator, Mr Geoff Somers, aged 40, a carpenter,

A murder inquiry was started yesterday after a body of a boy aged four was found in a house at Kings Heath, Birmingham. A woman is being questioned.

Peak search

A Royal Navy helicopter joined a search yesterday for two climbers, both aged 26, missing on Cobbler Peak, near Arrochar, Strathclyde.

Sewage tours

A sewage works at Macclesfield, Cheshire, is to be opened as a tourist attraction. The North West Tourist Board said there is interest in the processes used by the plant.

Palsy centre

A treatment centre for child victims of cerebral palsy, the Foundation of Conductive Education, is being built in Birmingham, modelled on the Peto Institute, Budapest.

Dog shot dead

A police marksman shot dead a crazed American pit bull terrier which savaged its owners and trapped them in their home and kept ambulance officers at bay at Pontardawe, near Swansea, yesterday.

Antarctic dogsled expedition

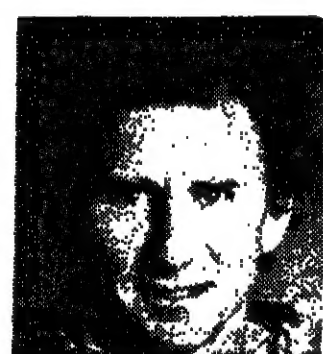
Race against time to finish

By Ruth Gledhill

An international expedition to Antarctica with a British navigator is racing against time to complete the first dogsled crossing of the polar cap before the southern winter takes hold.

The six-man team, which was due to arrive at the Russian Myrnyy base on the Queen Mary Coast on March 1, is two days behind schedule. The team must get there before March 5 when the last ship leaves the port, or face six months at the base throughout the winter.

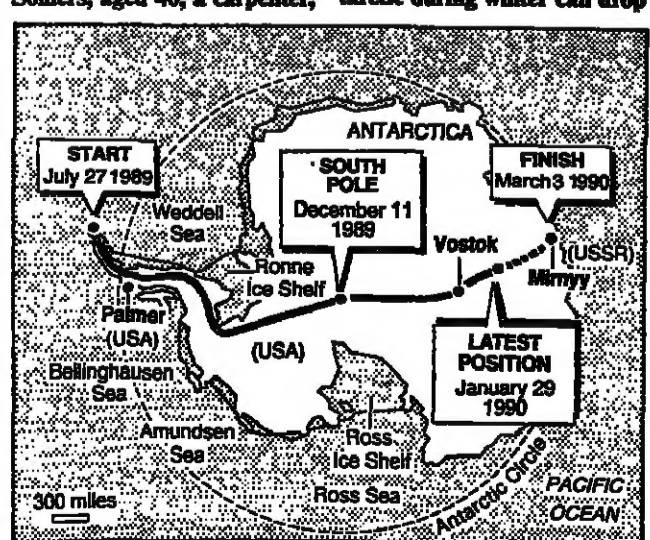
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Mr Somers: 'Antarctica does not treat fools gladly'.

of Kerwick, Cumbria, spent 13 days confined to their tents by high winds and overnight snowfalls. One of the lead dogs died from exhaustion on October 28. Since then, the team has made up a 28-day delay by increasing its rate to 31 miles a day.

Temperatures in the Antarctic during winter can drop



to -90C with winds of up to 200mph. Medical reports have shown that each member of the team has had an average drop in body temperature of 1.5C. Most members have lost about 12 pounds in weight.

They now face 6ft-high astraugi, frozen ice waves carved by the wind, and will soon be entering an area with treacherous crevasses.

Mr Somers said in a tape recording sent to England: "Antarctica doesn't treat fools gladly. Life here can be very, very complicated. You sit in a tent and think the nearest house is three months and several thousand miles away."

One of the main purposes of the journey is to collect valuable information on the ozone layer. Mrs Cathy de Moll, executive director of International Polar Expeditions, the organizer, said: "All previous studies have been by satellite. This will be the first time the ozone layer has been studied all the way across the Antarctic from ground level."

Two team members, Victor Boryankin, of the Soviet Union, and Qin Dabe, of China, both scientists, have been taking ozone measurements three times a day at about one metre above the snow surface. Mr Dabe has also dug snowpits to collect snow samples.

The team is confident of reaching the Russian base. Mrs de Moll said: "The Soviets seem to be fairly flexible. But if they are too late, even ice breakers will not be able to get through the ice to get them out."

All clear on sugar-beet disease

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Soil tests carried out by Government scientists have revealed no further evidence of the sugar-beet disease, rhizomania, which was found on two farms in Norfolk last October, it was announced yesterday.

On both farms, tests on fields growing both sugar and other crops showed no sign of the disease beyond the sites of the original outbreaks. "This is welcome news," Mr David Curry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said.

"We are now considering the longer term implications for farmers. We are very aware of the hardships which restrictions can cause and

we will only impose restraints which we consider necessary to prevent the spread of this very serious disease."

Rhizomania - the name literally means "root madness" - is endemic in many parts of continental Europe, and British farmers have long feared the spread to this country of the disease, which severely lowers yield and sugar content. Fields affected have to be sterilized and may never be able to grow sugar or other root crops again.

While the National Farmers' Union welcomed the Government findings there remains some concern that controls on imported vegetables may not be strict enough to ensure that they are cleaned of soil that might be contaminated with rhizomania.

High truancy rates in inner cities linked to bad exam results

By David Tyler, Education Editor

About one in four inner-city schools experiences serious truancy and correspondingly bad examination results, according to a survey of 40,000 sixth-year pupils, published yesterday.

One in 20 of all pupils was judged to be "serious" truant, having been off school for days or weeks at a time. One in 10 was said to have been absent for particular days or lessons and was described as a "selective" truant.

The research, led by Professor John Gray of Sheffield University, showed that boys and girls were equally likely to play truant and that there was no evidence to suggest that truancy rates were rising in the second half of the 1980s.

The survey, carried out for last night's BBC *Panorama* programme, also showed that about 10 per cent of inner-city youngsters were serious truants compared with 6 per cent overall. Selective truancy was also more in the inner cities, at about 13 per cent compared with 10 per cent.

One in five secondary schools said that more than one in 10 of their pupils were serious truants, while one in

12 said that more than 20 per cent of their pupils were absent for long periods.

About one in four of all inner-city secondary schools and at least 10 per cent of their pupils reported serious truancy. About one in eight had more than 20 per cent of their pupils graded as serious truants. Overall, almost twice as many inner-city schools had higher numbers of serious truants than elsewhere, 12 per cent compared with only 7 per cent.

There were also marked differences between examination performances in inner-city schools and other schools. Only 17 per cent of inner-city children obtained four or more higher grade passes in public examinations, compared with 26 per cent elsewhere.

Professor Gray said that "even more strikingly" 28 per cent of inner-city children obtained no passes at all at any grade compared with 16 per cent in other schools.

The researchers said that serious truants were more likely than their classmates to have low examination results while those with good results were unlikely to have been

serious truants. Some of the selective truants, however, ended up doing reasonably well in public examinations.

Only about one in 10 of the serious truants stayed on in any form of education after 16 while 34 per cent were out of work or doing something else.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, told *Panorama* that she was concerned by the findings of the survey. "I think it's a little bit of a reflection on the teachers' ability to ensure that they motivate the children all the way through school."

Teachers did have to accept responsibility if some of the children within their care did not find their lessons sufficiently attractive to remain in school.

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, defended teachers: "It's not the quality of the teaching; it might be the difficulties the teacher has to overcome. I know it's more difficult for a teacher to make a subject exciting if they haven't got access to all the resources that they would want."

Swordfish pilots mark an anniversary

MARK PEPPER



Three Second World War pilots, from left, Lient Commander Stan Brilliant, Commander David Corkhill and Lient Commander Anthony Tuke, have been reunited with a Fairey Swordfish to mark the fiftieth anniversary of 819 Royal Naval Air Squadron. They travelled to the squadron's base at Prestwick, Ayrshire, to celebrate. The squadron was formed in January 1940 at the Royal Naval Air Station at Ford in Sussex, where the Swordfish was used to patrol the Belgian coast looking for German U-boats. Later the squadron, working from HMS Illustrious and HMS Avenger, dropped torpedoes from the Swordfish (left) on targets in Africa and the Mediterranean. The aircraft became famous, however, for its crippling of the Italian fleet at Taranto in November 1940.

First-class honours survey

England leads UK universities in top degrees

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The English universities have, for the second consecutive year, out-performed competitors in the United Kingdom in their abilities to produce graduates with first-class honours degrees, according to statistics from the Universities Funding Council.

They turned out more than eight first-class degree holders in every 100 graduates, compared to just over six in Scotland, four in Wales, and three in Northern Ireland.

Although the ancient universities of Oxford and Cambridge continue to dominate the field, the science-based universities such as Bath, Salford, Aston, the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), and Loughborough also performed well.

While 20.58 per cent of Cambridge graduates are credited with winning the highest academic laurels the university's performance is exaggerated because it does not classify degrees and reports the best performance of each student in Tripos examinations taken over three years.

Oxford came second with 13.65 per cent of students getting first-class honours degrees, and Bath held on to third place.

Reading University enjoyed the most spectacular increase in its academic fortunes between 1987 and 1988 climbing from 38th to 16th place. Loughborough also performed well and broke its way into the top 10 climbing from 15th to sixth. London and the UMIST were also in the top 10.

Across the board 7.82 students in every 100 were

awarded first-class degrees in Britain in 1988, an increase of 0.42 per cent on the previous year. Ulster and Queen's University, Belfast, brought up the rear along with East Anglia, which slumped from 32nd to 43rd place, and Keele, which fell dramatically by 20 places to 41st.

Figures published yesterday show that there is a persistent bias in the choice of subjects studied by men and women. Seventy-five per cent of engineering and technology students are men while 69 per cent of mathematics students, and 61 per cent of architects are from that sex. Women dominate the study of languages (66 per cent) and education (68 per cent).

The number of undergraduate women in higher education increased from 37 to 43 per cent in 1987-1988 but the numbers of senior academics are still low; only 3 per cent of professors are women.

There has been a leap of nearly a third (27.2 per cent) in the numbers of students taking creative arts courses. Mathematics, up 11 per cent, and the social sciences, up 7.9 per cent, also showed a rise.

Despite government efforts to boost the numbers of undergraduates opting for science and engineering-based courses they suffered the most severe drop in popularity in 1988-89. Civil engineering fell by 4.5 per cent, geology by 6.3 per cent, minerals technology by 11.3 per cent, and botany by 11.5 per cent.

University Statistics: Students and Staff (USR, PO Box 130, Cheltenham, Glos, GL50 3SE; price £11.50)

First-class honours awards by university 1987 and 1988

Institution	1988 %	1987 %	Institution	1988 %	1987 %
1 Cambridge (1*)	20.58	19.4	23 Harriet-Watt (14)	6.93	8.2
2 Oxford (2)	13.65	13.8	24 Kent (37)	6.8	4.8
3 Bath (3)	12.65	11.7	25 Stirling (24)	6.61	6.2
4 Salford (4)	10.89	8.6	26 Birmingham (37)	6.56	4.9
5 Aston (4)	10.14	10.0	27 Brunel (16)	6.54	7.5
6 Loughborough (15)	9.90	7.9	28 Manchester (25)	6.51	6.1
7 London Univ (11)	8.97	8.5	29 Leeds (23)	6.38	6.2
8 UMIST (10)	8.88	8.8	31 Essex (48)	6.26	3.8
9 Strathclyde (5-)	8.46	9.5	32 Aberdeen (39)	6.08	4.7
10 St Andrews (13)	8.42	8.3	33 Liverpool (30)	5.88	5.7
11 Bristol (7)	8.28	9.4	34 Exeter (35-)	5.80	5.0
12 City (9)	8.19	9.2	35 Lancaster (31)	5.59	5.7
13 Surrey (5-)	8.17	9.5	36 Bradford (35-)	5.54	5.0
14 Nottingham (12)	7.82	8.4	37 Glasgow (27)	5.50	5.0
15 Durham (20)	7.75	7.0	38 Leicester (42)	5.34	3.9
16 Reading (20)	7.47	4.8	39 Wales (40)	4.70	4.7
17 Sheffield (28)	7.28	5.8	40 Dundee (33)	4.67	5.5
18 York (17)	7.25	7.4	41 Keele (21)	4.64	5.3
19 Newcastle (18)	7.24	7.3	42 Hull (40)	4.57	4.2
20 Warwick (28)	7.22	5.7	43 East Anglia (22)	4.54	5.6
21 Sussex (19)	7.16	7.2	44 Ulster (45)	3.90	3.4
22 Southampton (26)	7.00	6.1	45 Queen's, Bhat (44)	3.50	5.5
23 Edinburgh (22)	6.90	6.7	UK	7.82	7.4

1987 figures shown in brackets. * Cambridge does not classify degrees, results from individual best performance in Tripos exams.

English grandmaster scores Dutch triumph

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Dr John Nunn, the chess grandmaster from Roehampton, London, scored the greatest triumph of his chess career by winning the powerful international tournament in the Dutch town of Wijk aan Zee.

Dr Nunn, for many years a prominent member of the English silver medal-winning Olympic chess team, won against a host of powerful grandmasters from around the world. He finished well ahead of Nigel Short, Britain's top ranking grandmaster. Dr

Nunn, who has acted as Short's assistant in important matches, defeated him in their individual encounter.

Full scores of the tournament (out of possible 13 points) were: Nunn (England) 8; Portisch (Hungary) and Andersson (Sweden) 7.5; Dlugy (USA), Gurevich (USSR), Petrusson (Iceland) 7; Anand (India), Korchnoi (Switzerland), Short (England), Dokhoin (USSR) 6.5. The Dutch contingent bought up the rear of the tournament: Van Der Wiel and Piket 6, Kuij 5, and Nijboer 4.

Whenever you travel on business it's the same old story.

Once upon a time a young and thrusting executive and his colleague were asked to visit a most demanding client.

"Book the plane Janice", Clive said just loud enough for the whole department to hear.

David suggested the train, as the client's offices were in the city centre.

"Trains", intoned Clive into David's shell-like, "are for slow coaches."

So as an experiment they decided to go their separate ways. (That, and the fact that they couldn't stand each other.)

The next morning Clive set off at a lick for the airport and David drove to the station.

While Clive was looking for the check-in desk, David scanned the menu.

Bacon, egg and mushrooms whetted his appetite. Clive mopped his brow as he made a frantic dash for the gate.

When Clive had finally sat down, the rigmarole of the safety demonstrations and the doling out of the food trays ate into his time.

In the quiet of the carriage David spread out his papers and re-arranged the points of his speech.

Later he went for a stroll along the carriage, just as Clive was bounding down the plane steps two at a time. "I must get a taxi, I must get a taxi," he muttered to himself as he checked his watch.

The colleagues arrived at Harold E. Cunningham's offices within seconds of each other.

"Good journey?" asked David cheerfully.

But the wan smile on Clive's lips (and the uncontrollable twitching of his nose) showed only too well that what Clive imagined would be a short hop had been a long haul.

So it's still the same old ending too.

Slow (125 mph) but steady wins the race.

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HILLSBOROUGH DISASTER REPORT

Sombre lessons soccer failed to learn

Lord Justice Taylor yesterday delivered a swinging criticism of the state of modern football in his final and comprehensive report into safety at sports grounds in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster.

Few involved with the national sport escape unscathed from what the judge says is a malaise or blight overshadowing the game.

Although his interim report on the tragedy, which claimed the lives of 95 Liverpool supporters, concentrated on overcrowding, he says the deeper inquiry shows it to be one of a number of factors causing danger and marred football as a spectator sport.

He paints a disturbing picture of old and outdated grounds, poor facilities, hooliganism, excessive drinking, poor leadership by those involved in the game, of complacency — even in the aftermath of the worst sporting disaster this country has known — and, perhaps worst of all, of previous reports on crowd control going unheeded.

In the initial chapter of his 109-page report, headed "Three sombre lessons after Hillsborough", Lord Justice Taylor says: "It is a depressing and chastening fact that mine is the ninth official report covering crowd safety and

control at football grounds. After eight previous reports and three editions of the Green Guide, it seems astounding that 95 people could die from overcrowding before the very eyes of those controlling the event."

The lessons of past disasters and the recommendations following them have not been taken sufficiently to heart, seemingly for two main reasons. Firstly, because of insufficient concern and vigilance for the safety and well-being of spectators, compounded by a preoccupation with anti-hooligan measures and, secondly, because of complacency which led all parties to think that because a disaster had not occurred on previous occasions it would not happen this time.

Lord Justice Taylor said that, even after Hillsborough, it was "chilling" to hear the same refrain from directors at several clubs he had visited: that "Hillsborough was horrible, but of course it couldn't happen here".

As part of his inquiry the judge visited modern stadiums in Scotland, Holland, France and Italy as well as grounds in England and Wales. He says that where improvements have been made to

many of our grounds they have often been piecemeal and patchy, an approach which, in itself, is a threat to safety.

He says: "I hope I have made it clear that the years of patching up grounds, of having periodic disasters and narrowly avoiding many others by muddling through on a wing and a prayer must be over. A totally new approach across the whole field of football requires higher standards both in bricks and mortar and in human relationships."

He reserves withering criticism for the way clubs have treated paying customers; facilities have often been "lamentable" and "squalid" with the whole "inhospitable scene" tending to breed bad manners and poor behaviour.

The report traces the familiar ills of football — increasing hooliganism during the 1970s, violence, chanting of racist and abusive taunts, and measures taken by police and clubs to try and cope.

Segregation of grounds to keep rival supporters apart and large-scale police operations to ensure peace around the venues have been costly both in terms of manpower and disruption. Last year the cost of policing football in



Lord Justice Taylor: "Football requires higher standards."

London alone was some £10 million, of which only £1 million could be recovered from clubs.

"I know of no other sport or entertainment in a civilized country in which it is necessary to keep those attending from attacking each other." Segregation has not solved the problem and may have intensified it.

Lord Justice Taylor says he agrees with the analysis of the

hooligan problem presented by Mr Justice Poplewell in his report into the Bradford fire and that there is no simple explanation for the misbehaviour attached to football, nor a single remedy.

Alcohol remains a main factor in hooliganism in spite of legislation banning sales or possession inside grounds and the carrying of alcohol on public services and hired vehicles taking people to matches. The judge criticizes the hierarchy inside football for failing to enforce good behaviour and ensure safety and comfort of spectators.

"One would have hoped that the upper echelons in this hierarchy would have taken a lead in securing reasonable safety and comfort for the spectators and in enforcing good behaviour by precept and example. Unfortunately, these hopes have not generally been realized and indeed at times poor examples have been set."

The judge also takes issue with some club directors, suggesting they are more interested in personal financial benefits or social status rather than directing the club in the interests of supporters.

He also criticizes the activities on the pitch of players who "hype

supporters into hysteria and who are violent towards opponents. There is no reason, he says, why violence on the pitch should have immunity from the law.

The media does not escape its responsibility in reporting trouble, sometimes creating a violent reputation for supporters which provokes further trouble and continues the depressing syndrome.

After dissecting the ills of the game, Lord Justice Taylor turns to measures that can create a better future for football. What is required, he says, is a vision and imagination to achieve a new ethos for football, with upgraded grounds, welcoming attitudes, modern accommodation, better facilities, more consultation with supporters and positive leadership.

Such a policy would not only improve safety, it would lead to an improvement in behaviour, making crowd control easier.

The judge says: "There is no panacea which will achieve total safety and cure all problems of behaviour and crowd control. But I am satisfied that seating does more to achieve those objectives than any other single measure."

One of his key recommendations is for the graded phasing out

of terracing with the aim that all English first and second division clubs and those in the Scottish premier division, as well as national stadiums, should be all-seating by 1994. The grounds of clubs in the lower divisions should follow suit by August 1995.

Such upgrading will, says, require heavy expenditure, the details of which is for football management to work out. However he points out methods of finance which should make the improvements practicable.

Football authorities presented three ways of raising funds: abolishing VAT on Spot-the-Ball competitions would release £5 million to £6 million, a reduction in pool betting tax from 42.5 per cent to 40 per cent would yield £16 million, and by permitting capital allowances to be claimed against tax in respect of ground improvements.

Lord Justice Taylor says consideration should be given to a levy on transfer fees which should be used by the Football Grounds Improvements Trust to fund further improvements.

Reports by Peter Daveport

'Grave doubts' on likely impact

The national membership and identity card scheme favoured by the Prime Minister as a way of tackling the scourge of hooliganism and violence failed to earn the support of Lord Justice Taylor.

He says he has "grave doubts" about its feasibility and "serious misgivings" of its likely impact on safety. He was also "very anxious" about its potential impact on police commitments and control of spectators.

The judge outlines the case against the scheme which led him to decide that he cannot support its introduction. During the 30 minutes before kick-off there is a build-up of supporters waiting to gain access; if the turnstile operation slows the crowd can become restive, fearing they will not get in on time, with the danger of the growing pressure causing injuries and panic.

Since the scheme required that all supporters passing through the turnstiles must produce membership cards for checking, it was "inevitable" that additional time would be required for each fan. The proposed system required a series of six checks, any occasion which required action to be taken — such as the identification of a stolen card — could lead to delays and crowd pressure developing.

It still had to be shown that a computerized system could be produced that was capable, even in favourable conditions, of achieving the desired results.

Lord Justice Taylor quotes evidence submitted by the Association of Chief Police Officers showing their concern at the prospect of such a system failing: "The con-

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sequences of repeated failure, hostile queues, interminable delays and the rest, are unthinkable," they said.

The judge says: "The whole *raison d'être* of the scheme is the perceived need to eliminate from football a hooligan element so substantial, and so determined to make trouble, as to justify this enormous undertaking. Since the scheme seeks to defeat such determined hooligans, it must be assumed that the hooligans will seek to defeat the scheme."

"They will see it as a challenge. Wrecking or circumventing it will add a new piquancy to the perverse pleasure they derive from their activities."

He had the "gravest doubts" about whether the technology could perform correctly all the time and that, if it could not, the safety implications would be serious.

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Rather than support the introduction of such a scheme, Lord Justice Taylor proposes a package of measures aimed at defeating the hooligan element, including developments in close-circuit television systems and the National Football Intelligence Unit, the creation of specific new offences inside grounds, the use of electronic tagging and extension of the attendance centre order scheme aimed at keeping convicted hooligans away from matches.

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After the tragedy: Lord Justice Taylor's report attacks soccer's complacency and aims to ensure the disaster is not repeated.

Undercurrent of hooliganism

After the depressing scenes of violence by supporters inside football stadiums which have so marred the game, Lord Justice Taylor says there are now grounds for "cautious optimism" that times may be improving.

However the same cannot be said of behaviour outside the grounds and by supporters on their way to matches. Even inside it was a case of disorder being controlled not eliminated, he said.

Although incidents of violence were now much fewer, there remains an "undercurrent of unruly behaviour" which can result in disorder and which centres around three activities — the hurling of missiles on to the pitch, the chanting of abusive and racist slogans and supporters running on to the playing area.

In his recommendations the judge says each of those activities should be made a specific offence.

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He also outlines the problems caused by supporters arriving at grounds without tickets for an all-ticket match and of the further difficulties created by the activities of touts, a breed he found to be almost universally detested by all those involved with the game.

At some grounds police have allowed ticketless supporters into the match in the belief it was better to have potential troublemakers inside rather than roaming at will around the town.

It was a policy, the judge says, that must not be allowed to continue otherwise it was allowing the mob to rule.

Lord Justice Taylor recommends that all-ticket matches should be confined to those at which a capacity crowd is expected, and that it should be an offence

to sell tickets on the day of a match without authority from the home club.

He makes it clear the role of the police will remain crucial to future crowd control, even though he severely criticized South Yorkshire police for their role on the day of the Hillsborough disaster.

Lord Justice Taylor acknowledges the role that excessive abuse of alcohol can have on the behaviour of crowds and says present restrictions on the sale of drink inside ground and on transport to matches must be maintained.

There was much to be said for early kick-offs in high-risk matches to further limit the opportunity for prolonged drinking sessions. The idea of allowing only away supporters — who had tickets and were members of their team's travel club — into a match had some merit.

Proposals for a safer game

Lord Justice Taylor makes 76 recommendations to improve safety at sports grounds, 43 were included in his interim report published last August and 33 are new. The key recommendations are:

All-seat accommodation: From the 1993/4 season for high-risk matches and the following season for all matches at grounds in the first and second division, the Premier Division (Scotland) and at national stadiums. Standing accommodation should be reduced annually by 20 per cent effective from August 1990, to eliminate standing by August 1994.

The recommendation should apply from the 1999/2000 season, to all matches at all other grounds. Standing at these grounds to be reduced annually by 10 per cent from August 1990.

Advisory Design Council: to conduct and marshal research into the improvement and design of football stadiums.

Maximum capacities for terraces: a Safety Certificate should specify the maximum number of spectators to be admitted to each area.

The maximum notional rate at which spectators can pass through a turnstile should be 660 an hour, not 750 as currently allowed.

Filling and monitoring terraces: For each self-contained standing area there should be a steward or policeman whose sole duty is to check for possible overcrowding or distress. Spikes on perimeter or radial fences should be removed and perimeter fencing should be no higher than 2.2 metres.

All police officers and stewards should be fully briefed and trained.

There must be sufficient gates 1.1m wide to enable each pen to be evacuated onto the pitch in an emergency.

Where there is a perimeter fence all gates to the pitch should be kept open and manned. Cutting equipment should be provided.

Crash barriers: All crash barriers should be inspected each year for corrosion.

Safety Certificates: There should be an immediate review of each Safety Certificate by local authorities. Every certificate should be reviewed at least annually.

Duties of each football club: Each turnstile should be inspected and its potential rate of flow measured.

Spectators for each viewing area should be able to pass through them within one hour. Turnstiles should be closed when capacity of the area is about to be reached.

Closed circuit television should be installed to monitor crowd densities inside and outside the ground.

Signposting for spectators should be comprehensively reviewed. Information on tickets should be simple and clear.

Clubs should consider maintaining a computer

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record of ticket sales before the match, containing names and addresses of fans.

When a match has been designated all-ticket, clubs should not sell tickets at the match.

Each club should consult with a recognised supporters' club about pre-match entertainment to attract spectators in good time.

Clubs should recruit sufficient fit and robust stewards between the ages of 18 and 55.

Clubs should provide a police control room large enough for the commander, his deputy and enough officers to operate the radios, telephones and Closed Circuit TV screens, sound-proofed against excessive noise.

Police Planning: The Chief Constable of each force should nominate a chief officer to liaise with the management of each football club and local authority.

The Operational Order for each match and pre-match briefing should alert officers to the importance of preventing overcrowding.

Planning should provide that ticketless fans are not allowed to enter a ground except in an emergency.

Arrest procedures should be reviewed so that an arresting officer is away from his post for as short a time possible.

The option to postpone kick-off should be at the discretion of the officer in command. Consideration should be given, especially for high-risk matches, the possibility of an early kick-off or Sunday fixtures.

Communications: There should be sufficient operators in the control room to enable all radio transmissions to be received, evaluated and answered.

There should be a separate system of land lines with telephone links between the control room and key points to the ground.

Co-ordination of emergency services: The police, fire and ambulance services should liaise regularly on crowd safety at each ground. Lines of communication to the local headquarters of all emergency services should be maintained at all times.

First aid, medical facilities and ambulances: There should be at least one trained first aider per 1,000 spectators at each match. The club should have the responsibility for securing such assistance.

At every match where more than 2,000 spectators are expected, the club should employ a medical practitioner to be present.

At least one fully equipped ambulance should be at matches where 5,000 or more are expected.

A "major incident equipment vehicle" should be deployed in addition to other ambulances at matches where over 25,000 are expected.

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Minimum requirements that 'must be fulfilled'

The safety of football spectators cannot be left to depend on the affluence of the club whose ground they choose to visit, although the cost of safety measures and improvements can more easily be met by successful teams than those struggling to keep going, Lord Justice Taylor says.

Outlining his prescription for a wide range of safety improvements, he says: "There must be prescribed minimum requirements which have to be fulfilled at any ground if spectators are to be admitted there. The evidence of practice pre-Hillsborough and indeed post-Hillsborough, right up to December 1989, convinces me that the provisions presently in place, statutory or otherwise, have not been strong enough to enforce that basic level of safety."

Some requirements are of such crucial importance to safety that they should be mandatory for Safety Certificates to specify them.

To ensure a uniform approach by local authorities, the judge says there should be

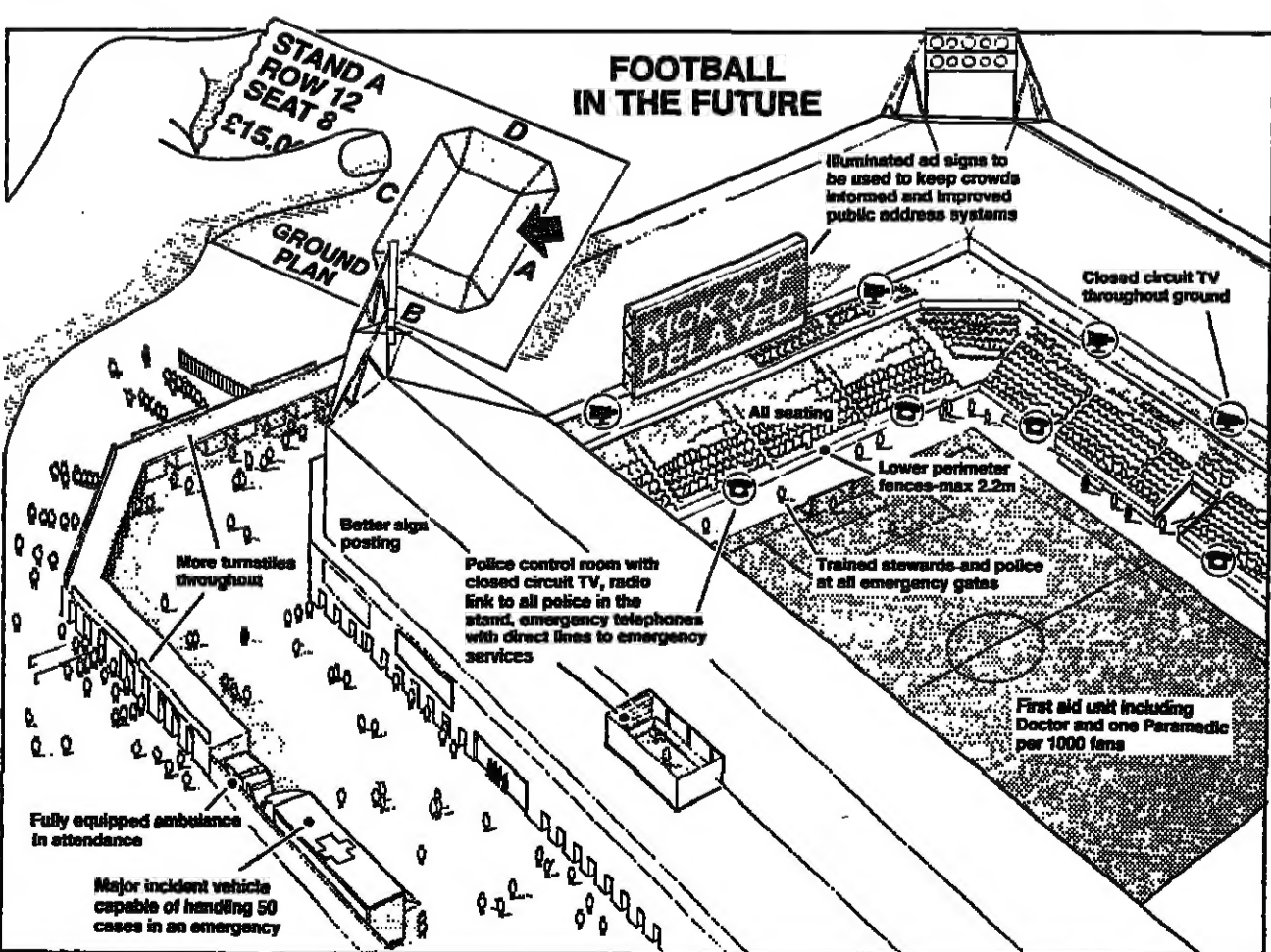
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a National Inspectorate and Review Body, as provided under the Football Spectators Act 1989. The scheme should cover all grounds requiring safety certificates or licences.

Among the changes proposed, the judge wants the introduction of all-seat stadiums and, until then, limits on the numbers allowed into terrace pens and the removal of spikes from perimeter and radial fences.

He favours the removal of fences; that would "signal the advent of a new future for football and especially a new attitude from the authorities to the spectators". Where they are used there should be a prescribed maximum height of 2.2m; gates giving access to the pitch should be left open or unlocked.

There should be clearer information on tickets, improved briefing and training of police and stewards, and better emergency facilities.



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the local council. Seat prices will be a problem.

"If we are all sent the minimum we could charge would be £8.50, and families just cannot afford to spend that sort of money on football."

Mr Jim Thompson, chairman of fourth division Maidstone United, which currently shares Dartford's Watling Street Ground in Kent, added to the criticism. He said: "I am totally opposed to the concept of all-seat stadiums. I believe this is an interference with personal liberties. I do not see that standing in properly stewarded areas is unsafe."

Mr Tom Pendry, chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Football Committee, warned that the requirement of all-seat stadiums was "too heavy a burden for clubs to bear in the timescale without adequate government funding."

However the Football Trust, which was set up by the pools companies to help clubs, yesterday pledged money for improvements to stadiums. Mr Richard Faulkner, the deputy chairman, said: "We would hope to make at least £50 million available over the next 10 years to help clubs install seats and covering over terraces."

Police reaction was that the

report contained a great deal of good sense, although there was some disappointment over identity cards. Mr Peter Wall, assistant secretary of the Superintendents' Association, said: "It does appear to address the main areas. We are optimistic that Lord Justice Taylor has set a blueprint that will improve the environment and entertainment for the spectator."

The idea of early or Sunday kick-offs for potentially troublesome games would be welcomed by the association, which would also support making the clubs contribute more to the cost of safety and improvements.

Concern about the heavy cost implications of all-seat stadiums and the bankruptcy of some clubs was voiced by Mr John Williams, co-director of Leicester University's football research centre.

"With the Government having ruled out the possibility of providing funds, clubs are going to be faced with some stark choices and some, undoubtedly, will go out of business," he said.

A recent nationwide survey of fans conducted by the centre found that only one-in-ten supported the all-seat move.

However, researchers found spectators became more favourable when assured that stadiums would be covered and seat prices would be "reasonable".

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Mandela's path to freedom blocked by call to end ban

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

Nelson Mandela, the veteran African National Congress (ANC) leader, has implicitly threatened to resume the "armed struggle" against the South African Government upon his release, unless banning orders on his organization are withdrawn.

Mandela's unequivocal stand has been prompted by the apparent reluctance of the Government to accord political freedom to his ANC colleagues in exile and others operating under severe restrictions in South Africa.

A few weeks ago President de Klerk was understood to be considering a phased lifting of the bans. However, official sources have since expressed disappointment at statements by ANC leaders in Lusaka which fell short of the commitment to peaceful solutions which the Government has been seeking.

As a result, they said there was hesitancy about legalizing the ANC if it continued to espouse guerrilla warfare as an optional strategy.

This has dimmed prospects of rapid progress towards negotiations between the Government and the ANC following Mandela's release. Mr Dullah Omar, a prominent lawyer and friend of the Mandela family, indicated yesterday that Mandela was growing impatient with the Government.

"His general attitude has always been that it would be untenable for him to be in a situation where he could not pursue the work of the ANC, which means the ANC must be legalized; otherwise he would be breaking the law every hour of the day. He indicated to me that if the organization was not unbanned, he would have no

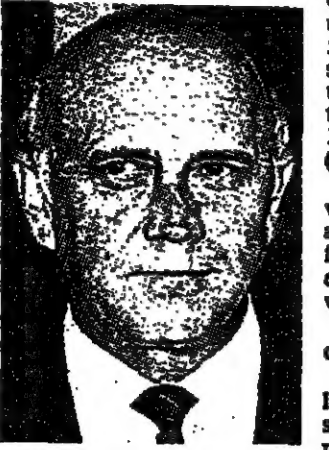
alternative but to continue the struggle where he left off."

At the time of his arrest in 1962, Mandela was commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC, and Mr Omar agreed that by implication he was threatening to resume "activities related to the armed struggle".

Mr Omar said: "Mr Mandela remains very much an ANC man, and he accepts the discipline of the organization. He has done so throughout his imprisonment, and there is not the slightest reason to doubt that he is going to do the same when he is released."

However, Mandela, aged 71, is now eager for his freedom after more than a quarter of a century in prison. "He is looking forward to being released, and indicated he does not want a moment's delay. He wishes to be released immediately."

Government sources said yesterday that no decision had been reached on a release date and the Cabinet had agreed to leave the timing to Mr de



Mr de Klerk: Hesitant about lifting curbs on the ANC.

Klerk and Mandela. The President, who met Mandela last month, is expected to arrange another meeting soon.

Lifting the banning orders is one of four demands presented by the ANC as preconditions for negotiations. It also wants restrictions on other anti-apartheid organizations removed, all political prisoners released, and troops withdrawn from townships.

Mr de Klerk is expected to address these demands in what is being billed as an important policy speech to the opening of Parliament in Cape Town on Friday.

Dr Gertrude Viljoen, the Minister of Constitutional Development, said the Government's only fundamental precondition for negotiations was a clear commitment to peaceful solutions, and it would deal "in a very resolute way" with any violence which threatened the process. "We are not prepared at any stage to allow intimidation or threats to obstruct the way to the goal of a peacefully negotiated settlement."

Marchers gassed: South African police fired tear gas at 500 black transport workers staging an impromptu march through Johannesburg yesterday to celebrate the end of a 12-week national rail strike (Reuters reports).

A dozen riot police, armed with pump-action shotguns and rubber bullet launchers, fired two rounds as the marchers approached the city's railway station.

They also clubbed a number of the marchers. The workers scattered and later filed into the station in small groups, burning strips of newspaper in front of their faces to counter the effect of the gas.

'Star Wars' moving from drawing board to realms of outer space

STEPHEN MARKESON

Key SDI tests due this year

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

The US "Star Wars" strategic defence research project, boosted by President Bush's request to Congress for another \$900 million (£542 million) next year, is still on course for a "phase one" deployment in the late 1990s, Lieutenant-General George Monahan, director of the programme, said yesterday.

General Monahan said in London that the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) was "even more important" a concept today than it was a few years ago because of the proliferation of ballistic missiles in the hands of Third World countries.

In an interview with *The Times*, he added that the changes in Eastern Europe and the diminishing threat of an East-West conventional war did not alter the fact that the Soviet Union was continuing to modernize its arsenal of strategic missiles.

However, asked if he felt convinced "in his guts" that SDI would be deployed, he replied: "No, I'm not because there are some very important political, economic and strategic issues that have to be considered. But whatever happens, I'm sure that the research will carry on for many more years."

General Monahan said that President Bush had given him new directives to develop certain promising technologies so that he could make a decision on deployment by 1993-94.

As part of that process, the so-called Brilliant Pebbles project — a system of multi-layered miniature interceptors orbiting in space — would move this year into a critical stage.

So far the laboratory work had demonstrated the concept was feasible and much cheaper than the original idea of large space interceptors housed in satellite "garages". Both projects are based on the idea of destroying incoming ballistic missiles merely by hitting them.

This autumn, the first big test of a Brilliant Pebble would be carried out in the atmosphere to see if all the sensors and guidance equipment would properly be said. Tests would also be held this year into ground-based interceptor systems, called Hedi, developed to destroy missiles as they enter the atmosphere, and Eris, built for attacking missiles in the mid-course stage of their flight.

"What we're seeing now after five years of investment is a movement away from paper development and analysis and testing of bits in laboratories towards large tests and experiments," he added.

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Lieutenant-General George Monahan, director of the SDI programme, speaking in London yesterday. He maintained that "Star Wars" is a vital concept today because of the proliferation of ballistic missiles in Third World countries.

Threat of vengeance by terror suspect

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

The first trial of alleged ringleaders of a Hezbollah terrorist network behind bombings in Paris almost four years ago opened here yesterday in the heavily guarded Palais de Justice. Within a few minutes, the man accused of masterminding the attacks that left 13 people dead and at least 250 wounded had been expelled from court for threatening the presiding judge with "Islamic vengeance".

Mr Fouad Ali Saleh, who is appearing with nine alleged accomplices, entered

the dock and then he began his menacing tirade. "My name is Death to the West," he declared, leveling a finger at M Henri Mathergue. "You are responsible for the killing of innocent Muslims and this means war."

Although Mr Saleh and his co-accused are not charged with actually planting the bombs, French security sources are adamant that he was a key figure in the Hezbollah cell that began operations in Paris at the end of 1985.

The Tunisian militant, aged 31, who was surrounded in court by a squad of armed policemen, is known to have spent several years in Iran before

arriving in France, allegedly to establish a new terrorist network.

Arrested in March, 1987 in possession of a suitcase full of bomb-making material, Mr Saleh was found to be carrying the telephone number of Hezbollah headquarters in Beirut. While he has steadfastly denied any involvement in the bombings, he proudly proclaims himself a "soldier of Islam", and has previously issued threats against the French authorities.

French security sources claim to have identified virtually all of those directly connected with the manufacturing and placing of the bombs.

Pakistan feels the heat as conflict in Kashmir escalates

From Zahid Hussain, Islamabad

Escalating violence in Indian Kashmir is fueling fears of a widespread regional conflict, despite Pakistan's claim that it is not involved.

Kashmir is divided into Pakistani and Indian sections by a line of control. Islamabad has been unable to stop the movement of arms and Kashmiris from its sector to the Indian enclave, while many Kashmiri leaders in the Pakistani zone admit to having close links with the militants across the line who are waging a separatist struggle against the Indian Administration.

Mr Amanullah Khan, chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (which was responsible for the kidnapping of the daughter of the Indian Home Affairs Minister, Mufti Sayeed, last

month) claims that the present uprising is the result of well-laid plans and that the militants receive arms and training through his organization based in Pakistan.

However, the Rawalpindi-based front leader denies that the Pakistani Government was involved. Mr Sardar

Abdul Qayyum Khan, president of Pakistani Kashmir, sees the uprising in the neighbouring sector as part of Kashmir's struggle for self-determination and claims it would be difficult for his people to remain aloof from it.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars over Kash-

mir during the last 40 years. The Pakistan sector is called Azad (Free) Kashmir.

"Azad Kashmir can get involved in the conflict any time," said President Qayyum. "We do not recognize the control line dividing the two parts of the state." He added that the Kashmiri uprising

might even lead to a war between India and Pakistan.

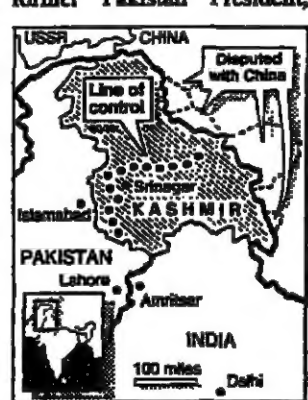
According to President Qayyum, hundreds of Indian Kashmiris participated in the Afghan resistance during the 10 years of Soviet occupation and received guerrilla training there.

Hezbollah Islamic, an Islamic fundamentalist Afghan Mujahidin group led by Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, was one of the main groups which helped in training the Kashmiri activists. The Afghan Mujahidin are also said to be a source of arms for the Kashmiris.

"The heroic struggle of the Afghan Mujahidin has definitely given an impetus to our freedom struggle," President Qayyum said.

"Thousands of Mujahidin

have offered to fight in Kashmir," President Qayyum, a close political associate of the former Pakistani President, said.



Zia ul-Haq, also claims that the latter had played an important role in helping Kashmiri separatists. However, observers contend that the

present uprising in Indian Kashmir is essentially indigenous, and say that there is no evidence of people from the other side of Kashmir participating.

Never the less, the conflict has placed the Government of Miss Benazir Bhutto in a tight corner. While Delhi has accused her of helping the uprising, the Pakistani Prime Minister is under mounting pressure from opposition parties and the government of Azad Kashmir to support the Kashmiri rebels. It plans to raise the Kashmir problem at the United Nations.

But Miss Bhutto faces pressure from another source. The Pakistani Army has more than 50,000 serving Kashmiri soldiers and officers. She may be forced to choose sides if the conflict worsens.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Coup suspect is held in Manila

Manila — A man alleged to have been a leader of the December coup attempt here was captured in a suburban house early yesterday (Vyvyan Tenorio writes). A reward of \$13,500 had been offered for the capture of Brigadier-General Edgardo Abenina, of the Philippine Constabulary, who was wanted for his role in the siege of the Mactan air base in Cebu.

General Abenina claimed in interviews with local newspapers that he brought together the forces of Mr Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, the cashiered officer, and the groups led by Brigadier-General Jose Ma Zúñiga, who remained loyal to former President Marcos.

Italian media protest

Rome — The takeover of Mondadori, Italy's largest publishing group, by Signor Silvio Berlusconi, the media magnate, has sparked a wave of protest against what is seen as a serious threat to freedom of information in Italy (Paul Bonard writes). Yesterday, Italy's 11,200 journalists went on strike demanding laws on monopolies.

On Sunday, Cardinal Ugo Poletti described the present Italian media situation as "mortifying". The prime target of these attacks is Signor Berlusconi, who, with a virtual monopoly of Italian commercial television, numerous publishing interests and the recent takeover of Mondadori, now controls at least 50 per cent of all advertising in television and the press.

Unita plea to Lisbon

Lisbon — Dr Jonas Savimbi, leader of the rebel Unita movement in Angola, said here yesterday that Portugal should act as a go-between for Unita and the Angolan Government to bring about a ceasefire (Martha de la Cal writes). However, Dr Savimbi emphasized that Portugal should not supersede the role of President Mobutu of Zaire, who has been acting as a mediator to try to end the civil war which has devastated Angola. The rebel leader said that "the solution must be an African one", adding that he believed the fighting would stop in 1990 because of "pressures from all sides, including the Pope".

Polls boost for Kaifu

Tokyo — The re-election prospects in Japan for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party of Mr Toshiki Kaifu improved yesterday after polls in two national newspapers suggested that 37 per cent of the electorate would back the Government in a general election on February 18 (Joe Joseph writes). Political pundits have been expecting a close vote. The figure is above the sagging support rate for the Socialists, the main opposition party, and the Government's dismal popularity ratings in polls taken last summer.

Thwarted Du Pont heir fights ruling of insanity

From James Bone, New York

The scion of one of America's wealthiest families, declared legally insane after his parents feared he would squander his inheritance on the maverick right-wing politician Mr Lyndon LaRouche, is suing to get back his sanity and his money.

Mr Lewis du Pont Smith, who inherited about \$10 million (£6 million) of the Du Pont family fortune, has filed suit in Philadelphia against his parents, Mr E. Newbold Smith, a securities analyst, and Mrs Margaret du Pont Smith. They first went to court after their son contributed \$212,000 to Mr LaRouche's political party, a cult-like organization which follows a blend of conspiracy theories and right-wing social policies.

Mr LaRouche, who runs for president at every opportunity, is serving a 15-year jail term for fraud and tax evasion. At the time, Mr Newbold Smith described the case

against his son as "not Smith vs Smith, but Smith vs LaRouche". A judge of the Orphans' Division of the Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania ruled in 1986 that Mr du Pont Smith was mentally ill and ordered him placed under the control of a financial guardian.

He receives \$15,000 a month, but needs approval for larger expenses, like the \$31,000 Cartier diamond wedding ring he bought his wife.

Mr du Pont Smith appealed unsuccessfully against the ruling all the way up to the Supreme Court. He continued to work for the LaRouche organization, running on the party ticket for a congressional seat in New Hampshire in 1988. His platform, calling for universal testing for Aids and the colonization of the Moon and Mars, proved unpopular with the voters.

Mr du Pont Smith, aged 33,

complains that his legal incompetence has created a plethora of problems. He was unable to vote when he lived in Virginia, and needed the court to validate his marriage. He says he lost \$3.3 million in the 1987 stock market crash because the court would not allow him to restructure his portfolio.

Mrs Andrea Diano-Smith, aged 25, his wife, says she will not have children until he is declared sane in case they are taken away from her. Mr du Pont Smith is asking the judge who presided over the original hearing to reverse his decision on the grounds that his interpretation of mental illness was too broad.

He has taken his case to the press, telling one journalist who visited his house while he was cooking: "Anyone who can cook gnocchi alla Gorgonzola cannot be incompetent."

Mexico woos foreign funds

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Salinas of Mexico urged Mrs Thatcher yesterday not to allow developments in Eastern Europe to be translated into indifference towards Latin America in general and Mexico in particular.

He delivered a similar message over lunch at the Bank of England and at a meeting at the House of Lords, and was expected to underline his points later over dinner at Downing Street.

The President is on an European tour aimed at bolstering economic confidence in Mexico which on Sunday is due to

sign a debt-rescheduling agreement with its creditor banks that will reduce annual interest payments on \$96 billion (£61.5 billion) foreign debt — the world's second largest — from \$9 billion to \$7 billion.

The rescheduling was made possible by a series of economic reforms, including privatization of state firms, liberalizing trade, and reducing inflation from 159 per cent in 1987 to 20 per cent last year. These reforms prompted Mr Barber Conable, the President of the World Bank, to say last week that Mexico's

achievement could serve as an example for other Latin American countries.

Human rights activists have marked Señor Salinas' visit by expressing concern over physical attacks on dissidents and the stifling of opposition views since his election.

Selling Mexico to foreign investors has taken on a new urgency for Señor Salinas because of the opening up of East European economies and the possibility that European integration in 1992 could exclude Mexico from new trade opportunities.

Letter from Panama City

GIs' uphill battle to bring Panamanian law to order

How do you turn a combat-trained thug into a friendly neighbourhood constable? Up in the manicured grounds of Quarry Heights, headquarters of the US command in Panama, they admit their task is not easy as they go about trying to convert veterans of General Manuel Noriega's private army into civilian policemen.

If Colonel Carl Stone, chief of the Civil Military Task Force, has his way, the 1,000 officers of Panama's new Public Force, mostly drawn from the old Defence Forces (PDF), will be walking the beat, chatting with citizens and organizing US-style "Neighbourhood Watches" to guard the community.

"We know there is a political problem, but civilians must understand that if there are abuses, there is someone they can notify," says Colonel Stone, who was sent in after the December 20 invasion with his big team of experts to help rebuild everything from the sewerage system to the law courts of Panama.

This week, 21 local policemen from all over the US are beginning a stint in the police stations of Panama City. "We have to start at a very simple level," says a manager from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington. "We have to teach them how to hold a baton, for example, without looking threatening."

Down in the teeming old centre of Panama City, there is little optimism that the old dogs of the feared PDF, a force that effectively ran the country for nearly two decades, are going to learn new civilian tricks at the hands of the Americans. "These men had a free hand, the law didn't matter. They will just wait till the gringos go and they will back to their old ways," said a shopkeeper in Chorrillo, the district most devastated by the US invasion. The PDF headquarters, General Noriega's lair in the heart of Chorrillo, has been reduced to a few feet of outer wall and a tangle of beams.

Shopkeepers struggling to reopen after the most frenzied bout of looting anywhere in Latin America for years are living in fear of heavily armed robbers still at large. The campaign to buy back the thousands of AK47 rifles held by the infamous Dignity Battalions has yielded little, although one enterprising group turned in an armoured personnel carrier and received \$3,000 (£1,800). For the time being, the streets are being thinly patrolled by American soldiers, still attired in jungle gear.

One of the more curious sights is the vision

of heavily armed, camouflaged GIs in a queue for hamburgers at the local McDonald's.

The strong pro-Washington mood in Panama is causing misgivings among US diplomats and members of the American-installed Government, fearful that the euphoria could swing back to resentment, the other side of the country's long history under US rule.

Senior Louis Martinez, the spokesman for President Endara of Panama, admitted that there was "a very strong desire not only in the Government but among Panamanians generally to keep the troops here much longer than the US wants." On his weekend visit, Vice-President Dan Quayle found a country that held exceedingly high expectations of US largesse, extending well beyond the \$1 billion (£600 million) in credits and relief money which President Bush has proposed but which Congress is very unlikely to deliver in full. Vice-President Quayle said US troops would be cut to their usual level in Panama of 12,000 "within weeks" but President Endara reminded him publicly that his own police were still unable to cope alone.

To the amazement of most other Latin American countries, some 92 per cent of Panamanians welcomed their "liberation", according to a poll last week.

The gratitude to the Americans is visible everywhere in Panama. Cars are sporting bumper stickers proclaiming: "Gracias Estados Unidos" and "Operation Just Cause". T-shirts are selling fast in the boutiques. But cars with the bumper stickers also have the nationalist "2000 - Total Sovereignty" slogan on their number plates, a reference to the final handover date for control of the Canal.

There are already signs that the honeymoon ardour may be cooling. Businessmen, for example, are blaming the Americans for failing to prevent continued robberies.

There is also growing resentment among property owners, whose insurance claims have been refused by American-owned companies.

In the big financial community that has helped fuel the prosperity of Panama, they are alarmed at reports that the US Administration will demand modification of the country's traditional bank secrecy, a feature that transformed the city into an international money-laundering centre.

Charles Bremner

Early poll in Berlin 'vital for national salvation'

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, yesterday defended in the Volkskammer (Parliament) his decision to call forward the country's first free elections, saying that the measure was "a matter of national salvation".

After seven hours of talks with opposition groups on Sunday night the Government agreed to call the elections for March 18 instead of early May.

The two sides agreed that the country could no longer be efficiently governed without a legitimately elected Parliament.

Herr Modrow told Parliament that the country's economic situation was worsening and admitted that the existing coalition was proving too fragile to rule the country. "The rule of law and order is breaking down," he said. "Existing laws are being ignored by different groups and individuals. We can no longer guarantee the protection of our citizens."

True to the pattern of events in East Germany since October, the decision to bring forward the elections is a sudden development which goes way beyond the formation of an interim coalition of government and opposition — the intended aim of Sunday's talks.

It is also the Government's final admission that it is unable to stabilize the country without an election.

Herr Modrow told the Volkskammer that the population no longer felt represented by the political bodies in the country. "In some places citizens are simply refusing to recognize their representatives at all," he said.

He admitted that his Government's attempts to stop the mass exodus of East Germans to the West had failed. "This is a social as well as an economic tragedy," Herr Modrow said.

The proliferation last week of warning strikes and increasing demands from most of the work force for better pay and conditions has unnerved the Government, which fears that an economic collapse leading to food and fuel shortages would tip the unsettled country into anarchy.

Further exacerbating factors have been the crumbling of the communist party and the revelation of widespread falsification of last year's elections. The Council of

Ministers which Herr Modrow heads, the Parliament and the local authorities do not possess any semblance of legitimacy, with former functionaries admitting that they altered the results of the polls which elected them.

The Prime Minister's speech amounted to 15 minutes of breath-taking and was a clear attempt to convince Parliament and population alike that he had no choice but to call an election.

But the date is also an advantage to the left and centre-left candidates who are much better organized than their emerging right-wing equivalent.

Sources in the Socialist Unity (communist) Party confirmed yesterday that it is embarking on a course of damage limitation aimed at keeping the right from power in the East.

The ruling Christian Democrats in Bonn said yesterday that they were concerned about the difficulties the early election would cause for the new right-wing parties.

Herr Eduard Lintner, the Christian Democrats spokesman on inner-German affairs, said the East German right was now faced with the "practically insoluble task" of establishing a nationwide political challenge to the left. He accused the Social Democrats, emboldened by their convincing win in the West German Bundestag elections, of using their influence at the round table to secure a tactical advantage.

● **BONN:** The Soviet Union is opposed to West Berliners being given the right to elect members direct to the West German Bundestag (Ian Murray writes). A report by the Soviet news agency, Novosti, yesterday said that to give them the franchise in this way would be in contravention of the four-power agreement, which governs the city.

The report says it cannot be achieved without proper discussions. While it accepts that the three Western powers — Britain, the United States and France — could authorize such a vote, "you cannot simply ignore the Soviet position".

Meanwhile, the Western allies are not anxious to become involved in negotiations over the agreement at this stage when there is so much uncertainty over the Germans. Letters, page 15

Sweeping away the debris of a grieving city



With an awesome Soviet military presence still in Baku, street sweepers cleaning up litter after a day of mass mourning for those killed in the Soviet assault.

Popular Fronts try role of peacemaker

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Nationalist Popular Front organizations in the Soviet Union took a significant step towards exercising real power at a federal level yesterday when delegations from the feuding Transcaucasian republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia accepted an invitation to hold peace talks in the Baltic state of Latvia.

But the offer three days ago by the Azerbaijan Popular Front to talk to the Kremlin about the military assault on Baku continued to go unheeded and the conflict between senior Soviet ministers about the purpose of the assault was not resolved.

At a briefing for the press, the Foreign Ministry repeated Mr Eduard Shevardnadze's insistence that Soviet troops had been sent to the Azerbaijan capital only to halt the bloodshed, while the Defence Minister, General Dmitri Yazov, was quoted by *Izvestia* as saying that the situation in the Transcaucasus remained "complicated" with informal groups continuing their resistance.

He denied, however, that troops had been sent to "compel people to work" and, in what could be interpreted as a

softening of his tone, he said that the Army's task was to "confiscate all weapons to prevent further bloodshed".

He had been quoted on Friday as saying that the Soviet military action had been intended to "crush the Azerbaijan Popular Front" which had been about to seize power.

Mr Shevardnadze said categorically that the assault had no political purpose. The Azerbaijan-Armenian talks will start on Thursday under the auspices of the Baltic Council, which comprises leaders of the Popu-

lar Front organizations in the three Baltic states.

A draft agenda includes discussion of the Soviet use of force to crush what Moscow called an attempt by Azerbaijani nationalists to seize power, and the refugee problem.

More than 200,000 refugees are estimated to have fled between the two republics since the inter-ethnic conflict flared up two years ago.

The chairman of the Latvian Popular Front's foreign relations committee, Mr Janis Jurkans, said that the Baltic Council would act as a medi-

ator and that the two Transcaucasian republics would be represented by the chairman of their respective Popular Fronts. Although many Azerbaijani nationalist leaders have either been arrested or gone underground, the chairman is still at liberty.

That such talks involving five separate republics can be organized at all reflects the growing influence of the Popular Front movements across the Soviet Union and their increasing ability to co-ordinate their activities. This level of organization may well disturb Moscow at a time

when its own inability to prevent a conflict verging on war between Soviet republics has been all too apparent.

Azerbaijan was reported to be quiet yesterday, but an appeal from the military commandant of Baku to people "not to yield to provocations, resolutely repulse all manifestations of nationalism and preclude the circulation of rumours and panic" indicated that tension was still high.

Although public transport and many shops were said to be working again after last week's general strike, calls were heard for the strike to be continued.

In the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, the military authorities in conjunction with Azerbaijani officials were said to have begun a comprehensive check on identity papers with the aim of expelling from the region all those not registered as residents and uncovering illegal weapons.

Although officially the economic situation in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, has started to ease, many trains carrying food and fuel are still held up by an Azerbaijani blockade of the railway. Baltic facts, page 14

Prague's Politburo brushes off past

From Peter Green, Prague

Barely one month after a handed over power to a tag coalition of opposition forces, Czechoslovakia's once all-powerful Communist Party is preparing to join the ranks of Europe's "convertible" communists.

After the Italians, the Hungarians and now the Poles, Czechoslovakia's Communists plan to change their party's name and doctrine. They say they will abandon several decades of adherence to the strict tenets of Marxism-Leninism, and embrace social democracy.

After a meeting last week end of the party's Politburo, renamed last month the executive committee of the Central Committee, Mr Josef Hora, the politburo spokesman, said the main task was to prepare for the parliamentary elections set for early June.

"That means our platform will have to be changed, and its main base will be democratic socialism," he said yesterday. That "corresponds more accurately to the positions of contemporary European left-wing parties". The party name may also change, although he said a new name had not been decided.

"We will stand for pluralism in society and politics and against the monopoly of any one party," Mr Hora said. "We have experienced our time in power. We know where such behaviour leads."

The Communists say they will favour a mixture of private and state-owned enterprise. The party has set up several committees to "re-examine" its past, and assign responsibility for past excesses. Its new leaders have increasingly sought to blame "reactionaries" who wielded power until last November. Already, three more headline former politburo members — Mr Jan Fojtik, the former chief ideologist, Mr Alois Indra and Mr Josef Kempany — are recommended for expulsion from the party.

● **Dark forces:** Members of Czechoslovakia's disbanded secret police are holding informal meetings with "lovers of the old order, what we call 'dark forces'". Mr Richard Sacher, the Interior Minister, said yesterday (Reuters reports).

But he said these meetings did not prove a coup was being planned against the new coalition government. "I am convinced that these forces have no one to rely on."

However, internal troops were being reinforced to strengthen public order in the country.

Bonn left nominates victorious Lafontaine to challenge Kohl

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Herr Oskar Lafontaine has been nominated as the Social Democratic Party's candidate for West German Chancellor.

After leading the party to an outright win in the Saarland state election on Sunday, he was asked yesterday in Bonn by Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, his jubilant party leader, to challenge Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, in December's federal elections.

With uncharacteristic modesty, Herr Lafontaine, aged 46, asked for three weeks to think the offer over. He acknowledged that he had been running a "monolithic party machine in the Saarland" but said he needed to think carefully about challenging for the Chancellorship.

His caution stems from the perceived need to eliminate his reputation as an eccentric, radical hothead, which has led commentators to say that he would make an unreliable Chancellor. Although yesterday the party was ecstatic over

his win in Saarland, some senior members think that, while he might be the better candidate, Herr Vogel would make a better national leader.

Nevertheless, the party acclaimed his candidature and Herr Lafontaine was clearly flattered and very tempted to accept.

Toasted with schnapps at the start of the meeting, Herr Lafontaine was also presented with a bunch of 54 red carnations — one for each percentage point the Social Democrats scored in gaining their overall majority in Saarland — the first time this has been achieved there by either party.

When Herr Vogel stepped aside for the more populist and younger man, Herr Lafontaine described the campaign ahead as "an honorable task".

Analysis of the Saarland results shows that he owed his clear-cut victory there — which made his candidature a foregone conclusion — largely

to his declared opposition to letting East German refugees continue flooding into the country at the present rate of nearly 2,000 a day and claiming benefits. Although this stance has been condemned by the coalition Government

Final result in Saarland election (1985 results in brackets)		
	%	%
SPD	54.4	(49.2)
CDU	33.4	(37.3)
FDP	5.6	(10.0)
Repa	3.3	(n/a)
Greens	2.7	(2.5)
Others	0.6	(1.0)

of Herr Kohl, led by his Christian Democratic Union, the Saarland result has shown that the idea is a vote-winner.

As if to prove this, Frau Anke Fuchs, the Social Democrats' party manager, said immediately after the result was known that the whole question of benefits for refugees would be a key general

election issue. The Christian Social Union (CSU) — the sister party of the Christian Democratic Union in Bavaria — announced yesterday that it would take unilateral action on the benefits issue if the federal Government did not act quickly.

The CSU has to defend its overall majority in the state elections in Bavaria in November, where many of the refugees have settled.

A "bitterly disappointed" Herr Kohl said after his party's leadership met to discuss the result that it was a regional triumph for Herr Lafontaine and could not be repeated federally.

Herr Lafontaine will be attacked by Bonn for his plethora of "no" policies. He wants no wage rises so that there will be no unemployment; no growth so that there will be no pollution; no foreign armies on German soil so there will be no danger of war; and no more East German

refugees so that there will be no more shortages of housing or jobs.

Herr Kohl, appearing to treat the election almost as a side-issue, said yesterday that he meant to go on negotiating with Herr Hans Modrow, the transitional East German Prime Minister, meeting him in Davos, Switzerland, at the beginning of next month and in Bonn two weeks later. The Chancellor, welcoming the East German decision to move the date of its elections forward to March 18, said that he was planning to do some campaigning himself there.

Spokesmen for the Social Democrats, the Free Democrats and the Greens also welcomed the new election date.

The CSU, however, saw the decision as a plot by the communists and the Social Democrats in East Germany to perpetuate socialist power. Herr Lafontaine's radical socialist ideas are seen by the CSU as uncomfortably close to those of East Germany's

emerging politicians. A Social Democratic victory in East Germany on March 18 and in West Germany next December could be the basis of a unified Germany on very different lines to those envisaged by Herr Kohl.

Everyone — apart from the West German Social Democrats — has been busily claiming that the Saarland result is not typical of the country as a whole. The refugee question appears to have been a key factor, however. People who as recently as last June voted for the radical right-wing Republicans in the European elections must have switched to the Social Democrats after Herr Lafontaine spoke out against full benefits for the refugees.

The Social Democratic leadership, seeing a steady decline in the Christian Democrats' poll fortunes, believes that the tide has turned against Herr Kohl, despite the popularity of his policies aimed at the reunification of Germany.



Party spirit: Herr Lafontaine being congratulated yesterday by Herr Walter Momper, left, the Mayor of West Berlin.

Poland's new political era

Liberal wins leadership of party committed to democratic reform

From A Correspondent, Warsaw

The left-wing successor of the Polish communist party yesterday elected an energetic liberal, Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski, aged 36, to try to shape a new, more democratic image.

Mr Kwasniewski, the only serious candidate for the new position of chairman of the general council of the Social Democracy of the Polish Republic received 1,049 delegate votes.

Mr Wojciech Garska, the Interior Ministry spokesman, who ran only to offer some "democratic opposition", received 63 votes, and Mr Leszek Jaskiewicz, a leader of another liberal faction in the party — the July 8 Movement — polled 45.

Mr Leszek Miller, a secretary of the old Polish United Workers' Party that was declared dead after its four-decade

monopoly of power was cut short only last June by parliamentary elections which Solidarity won, was elected general secretary in a contest with three other candidates. As general secretary, he will be regarded as second-in-command of the new party structure.

Some 1,500 delegates to the special three-day congress which elected the new leaders earlier committed the new party to the concept of parliamentary democracy and the rule of law.

Mr Kwasniewski said that the new party would guarantee free expression to all its members. They could form factions within it, and levels of the organization would be fairly free to decide their own structure. That alone is a far cry from the traditional top-heavy rule of the old party.

Mr Kwasniewski, a gifted speaker, has the support of both President Jaruzelski,

a former leader of the defunct party, and Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, its last leader, who helped to engineer the swift rise of his protégé through party ranks to show how youth was valued by the party.

One communist official at the congress described Mr Kwasniewski as "the apple in the eye" of President Jaruzelski.

He graduated from the transport department of Gdansk University and immediately began work in the communist student movement, soon becoming editor-in-chief of *Sztandar Młodych*, the communist youth newspaper.

In 1985 he was put in charge of youth affairs and two years later he became chairman of the Polish Olympic Committee.

During the historic round-table talks with Solidarity last year, Mr Kwasniewski handled union problems and proved a skilful negotiator. He became

more widely known to the public party through a television debate with Mr Adam Michnik, Solidarity's leading theorist and now an MP, in which he handled himself well.

Although he has defended communist ideology in the past, Mr Kwasniewski is a pragmatist. He is one of the most forceful advocates of co-operation with Solidarity. But whether even his fresh, clean-cut image of dynamism and youth can salvage the badly divided party is an open question.

One splinter group, led by Mr Tadeusz Fiszbach, a former party chief in Gdansk, has announced that it is forming its own party, the Social Democrat Union, because of the refusal of the Polish United Workers' Party's successor to break with the past.

Already more than 100 delegates have signed up, including 25 MPs. On the

other hand, the new party still contains many of the hardliners who opposed reforms for so many years.

The party spent most of the weekend debating the wording of its new statutes. Even while making repeated calls for unity the delegates became caught up in such trivial issues as whether to call each other "Comrade", to use the familiar Polish form of address, or to adopt the equivalent of Mr and Mrs.

This is the second communist party in the Eastern bloc to disband. Last October the Hungarian communist party turned itself into a Socialist Party. In Czechoslovakia, the Communist Party will consider following suit when its Central Committee meets on February 17. All these parties realize that they have no chance of attracting voters in the coming free elections unless they change their style. Like Mr Lech Walesa,

the Solidarity leader, the general secretary, Mr Miller, aged 44, trained as an electrician. He was denied by one reformist delegate as "an old box in a new wrapper" — but red on the inside.

After his graduation from the party's higher schools of social sciences in 1977, he was given a position in party headquarters dealing with issues involving the youth.

Mr Miller joined a dissident movement in the party in 1988 which urged the old guard to depart from orthodox communism. He says the chief goal of the new party is to take power again — even if the prospect is remote.

● **MOSCOW:** A strong protest has been lodged by Moscow with the Polish Government for its failure to guarantee the safety of Soviet diplomats during an attack on the Soviet Consulate in Cracow on Sunday afternoon.

CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

Mobs attack opposition in Bucharest backlash

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

Hopes for a peaceful transfer to democracy in Romania were dashed yesterday when armed troops were rushed to protect the offices of the main opposition parties from destruction by mobs demonstrating in support of the ruling National Salvation Front.

Mr Corneliu Coposu, aged 74, the leader of the National Peasants' Party, was evacuated from his headquarters in an armoured personnel carrier as angry crowds beat on the roof shouting "traitor" and "coward".

Windows were smashed before soldiers were brought in to defend the building. The party, the largest in the opposition, was one of three which organized Sunday's mass demonstration against the Front.

The second ugly stage of the revolution began early yesterday when tens of thousands of Front supporters began arriving in Bucharest in a massive show of strength which critics allege was organized using methods inherited from Nicolae Ceausescu's Communist Party.

Western reporters, including myself, saw anti-Front protesters beaten by the mobs and their banners smashed while Romanian police and soldiers stood by, powerless or unwilling to act. Frightened opponents of the Front who spoke to foreign reporters

warned that conditions could deteriorate into civil war.

A few hundred yards away another crowd, mostly factory workers, gathered outside the National Liberal Party and demanded its dissolution. Troops lined the walls in front of the building on Bucharest's main avenue. A party official said later that vandals had ransacked the offices and the initials of the Front were stuck prominently on windows.

By noon an estimated 60,000 supporters of the Front, accused by its opponents of being a cover for Soviet-style reform communism, were roaming the city in groups, demonstrating in Victory Square and blocking traffic with vehicles covered in pro-Front slogans.

At one stage there were fears for the life of Mr Coposu, whose platform includes the introduction of a free market economy. His plans to import Western capital to save the economy were attacked by slogans depicting him as an opportunist trying "to sell Romania".

In a first-floor room overlooking the Peasants' Party's elegant villa, recently requisitioned from the youth movement of the Communist Party, I stood with a group of workers from the August 23 factory on the outskirts of Bucharest, who had arrived en masse to support the Front.

Mr Vladimir Valescu, aged



Police and soldiers holding back an angry crowd as Mr Coposu, National Peasants' Party leader, is escorted to the safety of an armoured personnel carrier.

30, an electrical fitter, said: "We hate these old men who want to sell our revolution to the foreigners."

"They have been bribing people with American dollars to join their party and on Sunday they attempted what

was nearly a coup to overthrow the Front."

The group of eight workers in the room insisted that their decision to demonstrate had been spontaneous, although the protests showed every sign of orchestration. "We felt that

the revolution was in danger after we heard about Sunday's anti-Front demonstration, so we asked permission to come and protest," Mr Valescu said.

A crowd of at least 4,000 milled outside the Peasants' Party building, having earlier

failed to force its giant iron gates. Inside Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, persuaded Mr Coposu to try to leave.

The sheer size of the support mobilized by the Front impressed foreign diplomats, but one said that in the present

tense atmosphere it was unlikely that a free or fair election could be conducted. Even Mr Roman had problems in controlling the mob and preventing it from storming the building.

As Mr Coposu made his

way slowly through a passage in the crowd lined by soldiers, the demonstrators jeered at him. "I can see the fear in his face and it is a pleasure to watch it," one said. "We do not want democracy in which men like that are involved. Many of them have come back from abroad."

He was referring to attempts by Mr Ion Ratiu, head of the British-based World Union of Free Romanians, to be selected as a presidential candidate for the Peasants' Party. Last night friends said he had received death threats.

Anti-Front protesters who thronged the capital on Sunday to call for the Government's resignation were conspicuous by their absence yesterday. One, Professor Stefan Filipescu, a senior economics lecturer, said: "We are all very aware today of the dangers of this country collapsing into civil war because many of those against us were Communist and members of the Securitate. At present, people who feel like me are keeping quiet, but I cannot say for how long."

The anger of those opposed to the Front was intensified last night when its eminence grise, Professor Silvia Brucan, denied at a press conference that the Front had played any part in organizing the demonstrations. It had actively tried to prevent workers from leaving their factories, where production levels had fallen dangerously low, he said.

Liberals challenge Bulgarian party

From Ernest Beck, Sofia

A renegade liberal faction of Bulgaria's ruling communist party, unhappy with the leadership's continuing Marxist tendencies, is threatening to break away from the party if its platform is not accepted at the extraordinary party congress which opens today.

The congress, called in November after a Communist palace coup ousted the long-serving leader Mr Todor Zhivkov, was brought forward by two months in an urgent attempt to renew and radically restructure the party ahead of multi-party elections sched-

uled for May. But as more than 3,000 delegates gathered here at the ultra-modern palace of culture for the congress, the Alternative Socialist Alliance, which wants the word Marxism struck from the platform altogether, said it would form a new Bulgarian Socialist Party in February if its proposals were not adopted.

The split over how far the party should go to purge its past to win votes could further complicate the country's return to democracy.

About 80 per cent of the delegates, mostly members of the *Nomenklatura*, the privileged local party bosses and

functionaries, are said to support a more conservative platform which favours "a new type of modern Marxist party inspired by the ideals and values of scientific socialism", with the ultimate goal of a "democratic and humane socialism".

In contrast, the alternative socialists want a complete break with the communist past, a reversal of economic collectivization, and economic integration with Europe, although they also aim to maintain certain socialist ideals and form a coalition with the Bulgarian Agrarian Party, once a communist ally. Also on

the agenda is a name change and proposals to do away with the unwieldy 180-strong Central Committee, replacing it with a smaller executive council which will in turn democratically elect a ruling presidium.

A television poll taken last week showed that the communist party would receive only 30 per cent of the vote if an election were held today. The Union of Democratic Forces, an umbrella group comprising 13 opposition parties, would take 12 per cent. The rest of those questioned said they would not bother to vote.

Pressure rises for Kosovo dialogue

From Dossa Trevisan, Belgrade

Demonstrations by militant ethnic Albanians continued for the sixth consecutive day in the troubled Kosovo region yesterday as the Yugoslav leadership met in constant session to discuss the clampdown which has left at least 11 dead and many more injured.

Opposition was mounting against the Serbian leadership for its handling of the unrest, as pressure for dialogue grew. The protesters are demanding the resignation of local leaders, free elections and the release of alleged political prisoners, including Mr Azem Vllasi, the former leader of

Kosovo. As his trial for fomenting unrest restarted yesterday, Mr Vllasi demanded an end to the proceedings over what he said were false indictments.

Reports from the region suggested that the consensus of Albanian and Serbian communist leaders was beginning to collapse, with some Albanian leaders voicing disapproval of the clampdown and seeking dialogue with the new opposition in Kosovo.

But headline Serbs in the region have rejected talks, accusing opposition leaders of being separatists and threaten-

ing to take up arms. Reeling under the impact of regional unrest, the Serbian presidency, led by Mr Slobodan Milosevic, served notice that all means would be used to quell the unrest. He ignored suggestions of dialogue, and announced that further measures would be taken to protect the Serbs from what they described as separatist terror.

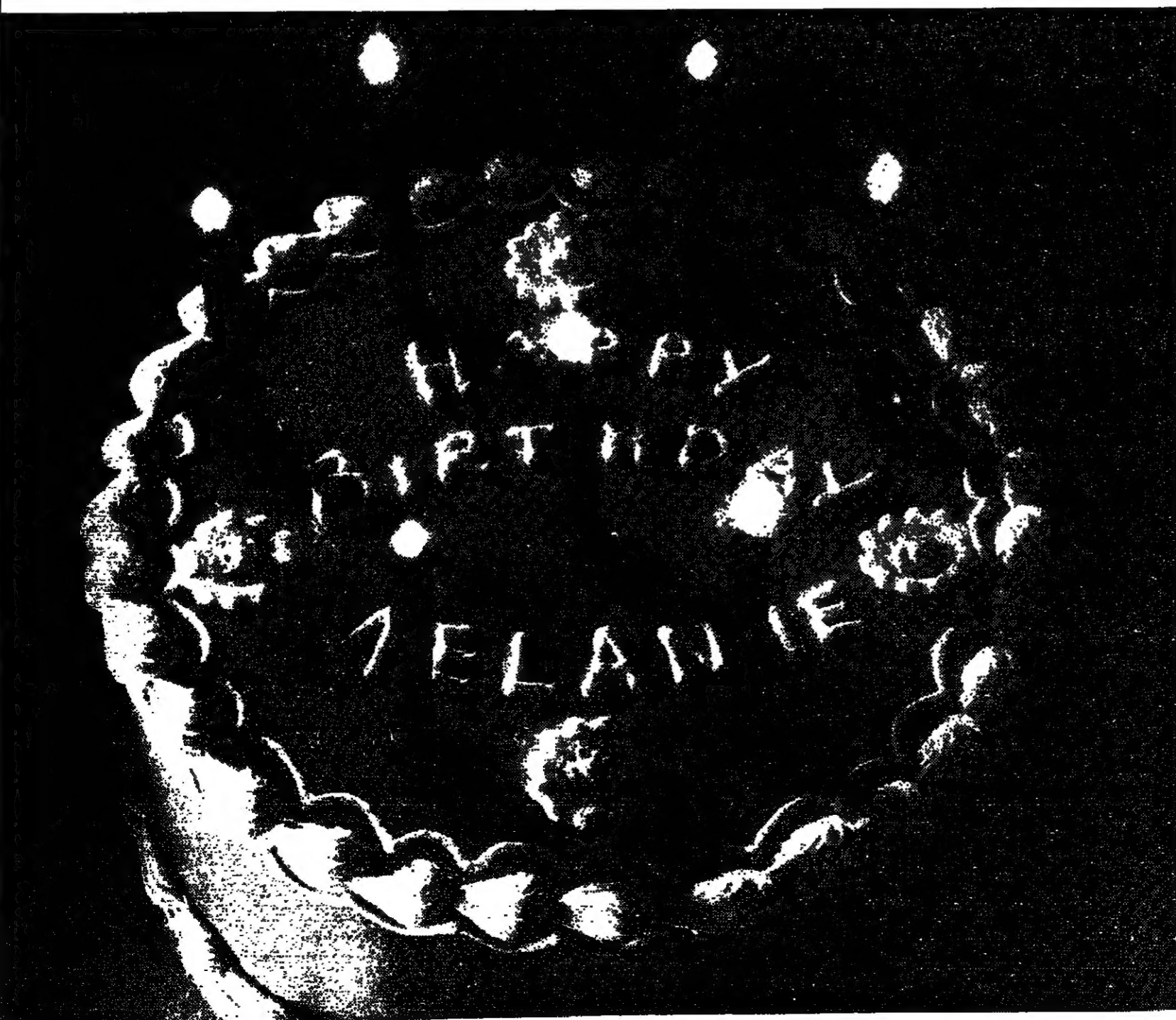
Thousands of Albanians have been signing petitions for an end to the clampdown and for dialogue, while police prepared to intervene. In Pristina, the regional capital, police reinforcements moved

to the city centre yesterday in anticipation of further mass protests. In several nearby villages, police raided shops, using tear gas and baton charges, and chasing young Albanians whom they believed had taken refuge.

There is growing pressure from the rest of the country that Kosovo should be taken out of Serbia's hands and placed under direct control of the federal authorities.

In the clashes between demonstrators and police over the weekend three Albanians were killed and eight wounded, most of them critically.

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Fight goes on, says Waddington

There would be no slackening in the fight against hooliganism despite the Government's decision not to proceed with a football membership scheme, Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said in a statement on Lord Justice Taylor's report on the Hillsborough disaster.

Those who, unlike the Government, had for so long struggled off their responsibilities would now have to face them, he said.

Lord Justice Taylor had concluded that the technology involved in a membership scheme would not work well enough to avoid the danger of congestion and disorder. He was also concerned about the call on police resources.

In the light of that advice in the report, the Government had decided not to proceed with the proposed

scheme. However, work would continue to see how the shortcomings, that were identified by the report, could be overcome in case the Government had to return to the matter should the problem of hooliganism not be defeated by the alternative strategy proposed in the report.

Accommodation for standing spectators would be reduced by stages. It would be entirely eliminated from first and second division grounds by August 1994 and from all designated grounds by 1999.

Earlier, he said that Lord Justice Taylor had not spared those who ran the industry.

He talked of a game the image of which had been much tarnished and of a light over the game due to old grounds, poor facilities, hooliganism,

excessive drinking and poor leadership. The report said that the provision of the clubs made for their customers was squalid, and that the squalid conditions could have an impact on safety, and lead to lower standards of behaviour.

It said that the Football Association and Football League had not offered guidance to clubs on safety matters and questioned whether the directors of many clubs were genuinely interested in the welfare of their supporters or their behaviour.

Players too were criticised. The report said that incitement from the pitch, or bad behaviour by the players, that was not confined to soccer, had a big influence on the crowd.

The report concluded that most

clubs had not made an effort to improve standards and that the game had a future only if the directors and players changed their priorities and gave the leadership that was plainly lacking.

The report agreed with the Government that there must be a move towards all-seater stadiums which would improve safety and behaviour. The Government intended to bring that about.

Lord Justice Taylor made clear that the bulk of the finances for ground improvements would have to be raised by the clubs and pointed to the opportunities presented by sponsorship.

He also mentioned revenue from showing matches on television. "He canvassed the possibility of a levy on transfer fees which he says have

reached a level which many regard as grotesque."

The Football Spectators Act provides for the Football Licensing Authority to supervise the safety responsibilities of local authorities at designated grounds.

It would implement that provision of the Act.

The report welcomed the establishment of a Football Licensing Authority but wanted the Government to go further and extend its remit to other football grounds.

"This would require primary legislation and we will have to consider whether it is justified."

The Government would proceed as quickly as possible to the establishment of a Football Licensing Authority and would direct it to require all-seater stadiums. The necessary

steps would be taken to ensure improved arrangements for crowd control and better training for the police and stewards. There would be urgent consideration of the case for new offences, and for new powers to deal with those excluded from grounds by the courts.

The clubs would be compelled to get rid of the terraces. Lord Justice Taylor indicated that much more could be done to create a better atmosphere by improving the now often squalid conditions to which they subjected their supporters, squalid conditions that could encourage squalid behaviour.

Those clubs that had not faced their responsibilities now had a final opportunity to do so: if they did not act now, the public would not forgive them.

Poll tax query on monks and nuns

Community charge registration officers in the various districts will have to decide whether a person is exempt from the charge as a member of a religious community, the principal occupation of which is prayer, contemplation, relief of suffering or education; and who have no income or capital of their own, and are dependent upon the community concerned for their material needs.

Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government, gave this reply to Mr David Blunkett, an Opposition spokesman on local government, who asked whether communities run by the Monks of the Cistercians, the Children of God, the Scientologists and other religious cults would be exempt from poll tax.

Protest over 'royal' stamps

The Government is drawing the attention of the Turkish Cypriot authorities to the unsatisfactory use of the British "royal image" on a recent stamp issue there, Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a written reply.

Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, had asked for representations to be made to authorities, including the Turkish Government, about the issuing of postage stamps depicting the Royal Family on stamps in Turkish-occupied Cyprus.

Cleaning the palace

The next phase of the cleaning programme for the Palace of Westminster, beginning in April, will cover the Victoria Tower and south elevation of the Palace, overlooking Victoria Tower Gardens.

The phase will take four years to complete. Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary for the Environment, said in a Commons written reply.

Missions to Namibia

Several British exploratory missions are to be sent to Namibia in an attempt to identify areas in which Britain may be able to supply aid to the newly independent country, Mr Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, said in a written reply.

A team had arrived there on Sunday to assess the need for police training.

Development promise

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, will announce a further pledge of £10 million to add to the £60 million the British Government has committed over the past 10 years when she attends the forthcoming Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, she said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister. Debates on Opposition motions on the poverty trap and on the Taylor report on football ground safety. Lords (2.30): Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Debate on the greenhouse effect.

Hattersley gives Taylor report guarded welcome

The Taylor report on the Hillsborough disaster was given a general welcome by Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, although he accused the Government of wasting time and money to create the illusion of activity.

Speaking after Mr Waddington had made his statement on the report, Mr Hattersley said the report, if sensibly applied, could provide the basis for the much needed improvement to football grounds.

It was explicit in describing the proposed football identity card scheme as likely to increase, not reduce, hooliganism inside and outside grounds; probably not technically possible; and more likely to increase the risk of death and injury than reduce it.

"Whatever language Mr Waddington may use today to save the Prime Minister's face and preserve his reputation for inflexibility, the identity card scheme is, as a result of this report, dead."

"Most of what the Taylor report recommends could have been implemented two years ago by agreement, had the Government chosen to make progress instead of trying to make headlines."

No regular football supporter doubted the need to improve the conditions of most of the grounds, and to improve safety and facilities.

The Opposition supported a number of specific proposals recommended by the Taylor report, particularly those which ensured that law-abiding supporters who made up the great majority of football supporters were treated like civilized human beings.

It supported the more vigorous use of exclusion orders, the proposal that it should be a specific offence to throw a missile, and that racist chanting should be made illegal.

It would examine whatever proposal forward to prevent spectators running onto the pitch. It was important to distinguish between pitch invasions intended to breach the peace and actions motivated by simple enthusiasm.

The Opposition supported the idea of seats replacing terraces, but proposals to prohibit standing at football grounds had yet to be justified in terms of safety or in terms of finance.

Many law-abiding supporters preferred to stand and it was perfectly possible for standing accommodation to be provided in a way that endangered neither safety nor law and order.

The report did not endorse the Prime Minister's view that the £70 million recently spent on stadium fees was a waste of money. The Home Secretary should convene a meeting between the pools promoters, football authorities and the Government on football finance.

"Attempts to solve football's problems by conflict and

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confrontation have now failed and what we need is some co-operation.

Mr Waddington said that the report had criticized the identity card scheme. At least the Government had shown itself prepared to address itself to the problem. The Labour Party had never even recognized the problem.

Mr Hattersley called for better conditions at the grounds and immediately said he did not agree with all-seater stadiums, which was the obvious way of bringing about better conditions at grounds.

He said he welcomed the report and then said he rejected its fundamental proposals for the introduction of all-seater stadiums. Once again the

had invested in their grounds and not in transfer fees, that really needed the Government to join in partnership with them in trying to ensure good grounds.

The need was to improve access, comfort and entertainment in grounds. Penning and fencing and inadequate access, not lack of seating, had led to the trouble at Hillsborough.

Mr Waddington agreed that prevention was more important than punishment. He could not accept that it was the Government's responsibility to provide safety.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) rejected the dropping of the one measure that provided some hope in combating hooliganism.

Mr Waddington said that the Government had honoured its undertaking to the House by

'Waste of public cash'

After the statement on the Taylor report had been repeated in the House of Lords, Lord Misham, for the Opposition, complained of the waste of public funds, football club funds and parliamentary time over the membership scheme. It was caused, he said, by "sheer, blind obstinacy".

"It is a sorry state of affairs that, through its sheer inability to listen, the Government has placed itself in this position and did not have the grace to say 'We were wrong'."

It would not be practicable to leave the funding of Lord Justice Taylor's proposals to the football clubs alone. The pools companies would have to be involved and perhaps the Government could allow them some revenue advantage to enable them to subscribe more generously to this important cause.

Lord Faversham said that the football authorities had been advised to try to put their sport in better order. They did not do so and the Government decided it could not see such hooliganism going on without taking some action. So the Bill was brought in.

If the Government had decided to go ahead despite Lord Justice Taylor's report, then Lord Misham would have been justified in castigating it. But it had decided to accept the report.

Football was part of the leisure industry and it was up to clubs, which invited people into their grounds, to make sure they were as safe as they would expect if going to the cinema or theatre.

While the idea of tax relief and any other suggestions would be considered, the Government believed it was the duty of the football authorities to put their own house in order.

Opposition was not prepared to face its responsibilities. It was prepared to do precisely nothing.

After this damning report which asked the football authorities to address themselves to their responsibilities, it really would be irresponsible if the Labour Party were to allow the message to go out to the football authorities that once again they could shirk their responsibilities because the Opposition, if ever re-elected, would take all the responsibility off their shoulders and put it on the taxpayers.

Mr David Blunkett (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab) welcomed the abandonment of the identity card scheme and the penalties spelt out in the report. "But it is prevention, not punishment, that we are seeking."

Investment in multi-purpose continuous-use stadiums offered possible benefits and should be seen as a responsibility of government.

While football had a big responsibility for putting its own house in order and, therefore, for investment in the sport, it was increasingly clubs such as Sheffield Wednesday, which

saying today that it did not consider it right to proceed now with a Football Membership Authority. "It does not mean that we are shirking our responsibility."

Mr Mendel Campbell, Liberal Democrat spokesman on sport, asked if there was no sense of contrition on the Government benches that the membership scheme had been abandoned. It had been unwise to push the Bill through the House with the use of the guillotine.

Using this trenchant and comprehensive report, the Government should now open a dialogue with the football authorities to address crowds, hooliganism and safety.

Mr Waddington said that Mr Campbell should be fair enough to acknowledge that it was the Government that had proposed all-seater stadiums.

Sir John Wheeler (Westminster North, C) said that the clear message of the Taylor report was that clubs must be properly managed for the benefit of spectators and there must be a clear commitment to safety, proper investment by clubs,

upgrading of facilities as well as ensuring the Government's own recommendation of all-seater stadiums.

Mr Waddington agreed that there must be an improvement in standards. "The best way in which we can show our respect for those who died at Hillsborough is to see a real improvement in the conditions which people have to endure."

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said that there was no such thing as the football industry to which Conservatives kept referring. 95 per cent of clubs paid no dividends, made no profits, and relied on subsidies from directors and referees by fans.

Would the Government follow the example of the 1966 Labour Government which put big grants into football?

Mr Waddington: When a commercial enterprise invites people on to its premises, it has a duty to see that those premises are safe.

Sir Fergus Montgomery (Aldershot and Sand, C), an opponent of the football identity card scheme, welcomed its abandonment.

Mr James Lester (Bristol, C), also an opponent of the football identity card scheme, said that Lord Justice Taylor had done the Government a signal service by taking a dispassionate, cool, analytical look at football and taking evidence from all parties.

His report showed the signal mistake that the Government had made by putting through legislation without consultation or careful consideration in committee. "We should never go into legislation in that form again."

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said that the virtual rebuilding of grounds recommended in the Taylor report was beyond the resources of third and fourth division clubs. Since the Government provided substantial help for commercial organizations in the arts, why did it refuse to help bring the national game up to standard?

Mr Waddington said that by 1999 if the Football Association and Football League continued to get the same amount of money from television, they would have received £12 million. No one suggested that the total cost of all-seater stadiums would be more than that.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, asked what the Government would do about the World Cup this year, without the first part of the Football Spectators Act, the football membership authority or the names and the names to be fed into them. People would be free to cause havoc in Europe.

Mr Waddington said that the second part of the Act would be in place before June and there would be negotiations with the Italian Government to draw up a list of corresponding offences so that offences in Italy could result in exclusion orders in this country.

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Employment Bill

Closed shop's 'last days'

The Employment Bill would strip the closed shop of its last vestiges of legal protection — and not a moment too soon, Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, said.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, he said that it would be the final step in making the closed shop unlawful. "It is a common law for the freedom of the individual to choose for himself whether or not he wishes to become a member of a trade union."

It put paid once and for all to the tyranny of forced association which had for so long been cherished by the trade unions and the Labour Party. The Bill was the culmination of a long process of reform that began 10 years ago and had made an enormous contribution to the transformation of industrial relations.

Without the Government's trade union legislation, flying pickets would still be able to spread disruption, millions more employees would be working in closed shops, and strikes could still be called by the intimidation

of the massed meeting in the company car park without any recourse to a secret ballot.

The role of law in industrial relations was to limit the abuses of industrial power and to guarantee the democratic rights of trade union members. That principle underpinned this Bill.

The first three clauses were concerned with the closed shop and discrimination in recruitment on the grounds of union membership. The Bill was even handed in its approach. It made it unlawful to refuse a job on the ground of union membership or non-membership.

Anyone who doubted the violation of civil liberties involved in the closed shop should recall the thousands of people who were forced into union membership by the last Labour Government's illiberal legislation. As a result of that legislation, the United Kingdom was held to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. "This Bill will put an end once and for all to that legacy of shame."

The Opposition should urge

all union leaders to take immediate steps to dismantle the closed shop, which still covered more than two million jobs. Then there would be no need for the Bill.

On secondary action, he said that the Government did not believe that any business should be threatened with disruption unless there was a direct dispute between the employer and his employees.

Unofficial action was an important problem. About 75 per cent of strikes were unofficial and 40 per cent of days lost resulted from unofficial, unauthorized, unballoted action.

The Bill corrected two anomalies. It put strikes organized by shop stewards and other officials on the same basis as strikes organized by national or regional officials.

If a union failed to ensure that strikes organized by its shop stewards were supported in a secret ballot, it would forfeit immunity. To keep his immunity where there had been no ballot the union would need to repudiate the strike unofficially.

Gas disconnections are cut by half

Fewer British Gas customers were now being disconnected because they are behind with their bills than at any time since records were first kept in 1977, Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

Mr Andrew Stewart (Sheffield, C) said that it showed clearly that British Gas was superior in all aspects compared with when the industry was nationalized. It also disposed of allegations made by Labour MPs that British Gas would put profit before customers.

Mr Morrison agreed. He said that Labour MPs found it unpleasant to admit that British Gas was a great success. Disconnections on a yearly basis to September last year numbered 23,200, only half the figure they stood at when British Gas was nationalized last year. That alone, leaving aside comparative prices, was a success story.

Mr Charles Wardle (Bexhill and Battle, C) sought an assurance that pensioners were aware of the new code of conduct. What steps were being taken to explain that gas standing charges had increased by less than the increase in the cost of living since privatization?

Mr Morrison said that the company was making all its 17 million customers, including pensioners, aware of its services.



Mr Stewart: British Gas superior in all aspects

Standing charges had fallen by 33 per cent in real terms in the past five years, a good record, and by a total of 80 per cent since privatization.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib Dem) sought an assurance that pensioners and the mentally ill would not be disconnected accidentally if they forgot to pay.

Mr Morrison said that British Gas was concerned to ensure that such groups were "looked after", even though every now and then one or two of these people might slip through the net.

Mayhew refuses to intervene

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, refused calls from both sides at question time to intervene in the enforcement of the Sunday trading laws. He said that he saw no need to issue guidelines to local authorities on enforcement of the law.

Mr Iver Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that there was widespread evasion of the Sunday trading laws by multiple retailers. Local authorities were finding it impossible to cope, despite the recent clarification of the law by the European Court.

"How can we justify preaching the rule of law to the meek when we fail to enforce it against the mighty? When will the Attorney General take action against wrongdoers?"

Sir Patrick said that under section 71 of the Shops Act it was the duty of local authorities to enforce the Act in their areas. They were able to seek an injunction to prevent flouting of the law if that would be

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expedient. Councils were in the best position to judge this matter within their own area and that was recognized by the legislation. Anyone with a direct and individual concern could bring an authority to account by judicial review.

Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) asked how Sir Patrick's answer fitted with Mrs Margaret Thatcher's remarks about the need to uphold the laws passed by Parliament.

Sir Patrick said that Mr Powell had not given due weight to the fact that the law, as passed by Parliament, had conferred the duty of enforcement on local authorities.

Mr Timothy Baines (Aylesbury, C) said that the Shops Act was so perverse that

evasion and defiance were inevitable. Was not the only rational approach to go back to the legislation brought before Parliament previously, admittedly unsuccessfully. "Total reform is the only way out of this mess" (Conservative cheers).

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said that there was something wrong with a law which was enforced so unpredictably between local authorities, sometimes in quite contrary fashions.

It would be helpful if the Attorney General would give guidelines to eliminate unnecessary and small prosecutions and guide local authorities as he had guided the police in similar matters.

Sir Patrick said that giving guidelines would not be necessary. The provisions were clear and were for local authorities to consider.

British aid for flood-control project

The British and Bangladesh governments are to embark on a long-term flood control programme for that country and Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, will visit Bangladesh next week to discuss that and other British aid.

She said that spending this year from the bilateral flood-growing schemes was about £1.8 million in Bangladesh, £2.5 million in Sudan and £700,000 in Ethiopia.

Mr Harry Greenwood (Ealing

North, C) urged her to use her forthcoming visit to impress on the Bangladesh Government the urgent need to get the help to the places where it was most needed.

Mr Chalker said that the most important thing in any of those countries, particularly Ethiopia and Sudan, was that there should be peace.

Without that there was no chance of the right policy nor of ensuring that farmers could produce the food required, on time and at the right price. They

needed to ensure that farmers could grow crops and they could not do that in time of civil war.

Mrs Ann Clywd, Opposition spokeswoman on overseas development and co-operation, said that if Britain followed the US lead in cutting defence spending, it would enable the Government to be far more generous to the Third World.

Mr Chalker: I am in favour of helping the developing world and of multilateral disarmament, but not of putting the defences of this country at risk.

Portrait of Tate's wife is on offer

The Tate Gallery has been offered a portrait of the wife of Sir Henry Tate, founder of the gallery, on condition that it be hung and does not join the 4,000 pictures in store, Lord Northfield (Lab) told the House of Lords during question time.

Lord Northfield said that the offer had been made to him while in America. The portrait, a companion to the one of Sir Henry recently hung in the gallery, had been offered conditionally because of information about the size of the store had crossed the Atlantic.

Lord Heseltine, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that acceptance or otherwise of the offer was a matter for the director and trustees of the gallery.

News of the offer was given during a question by Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) about the number of pictures on display in the Tate Gallery, the number in store and the number on loan to official and public buildings.

Lord Heseltine said that as a result of the "new hang", which aimed to put on display many works previously in store, there were 660 pictures on display, about 4,000 were in store and about 250 were on loan.

The "new hang" had been opened last week by the Prime Minister and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, had

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announced the addition of £100,000 in 1990-91 to the sponsorship of British Petroleum.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter said that it would be better if more pictures were on loan where some people would see them, rather than kept in store where nobody saw them.

Lord Heseltine said that great public buildings should take advantage of the possibilities on offer.

Lord Rennie (C) said that it would be in the public interest if some paintings were sold.

Lord Heseltine said that it would be a disaster if that were to happen. It was the duty of the director and trustees to acquire works that were the best and most significant in each decade, which then became part of our heritage.

Lord Gilmour (Lib Dem) said that the Tate Gallery seemed to have a huge sunken galloon of pictures, many of which were never seen.

Lord Heseltine said that that was not the case. There was a great reserve of paintings which were hung in rotation so that all would be on public view at some stage.

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Protest over
'royal' stamp

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Cleaning the palace

The next phase of the anti-corruption drive for the government is to clean up the political establishment. In April, will be the first time a Prime Minister will be elected without the support of a political party.

The government will take four steps to clean up the political establishment. The first is to set up a Political Reform Commission to study the political system and recommend reforms. The second is to set up a Political Reform Commission to study the political system and recommend reforms. The third is to set up a Political Reform Commission to study the political system and recommend reforms. The fourth is to set up a Political Reform Commission to study the political system and recommend reforms.

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Development promise

Parliament today

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people were getting off, the banning seemed inevitable," she says. For reasons of which she says she is not certain (her vigour and intellect might have had some-

else. For example: "Writ from man Maud's twisted (7)" means Man + twist (i.e. an anagram of) Maud's = Mandamus (a writ from a superior court). The other new type of clue is the "& lit", that is to say an anagram + a literal description of the solution in the words of the anagram. This is the *crème de la crème*. For example:

Frome Ginwalla: "You cannot be seen as an ally of the oppressor — and expect not to face the consequences."

possible release. When asked whether his imprisonment had become such a central image of ANC propaganda that he would be reluctant to surrender it without certain other undertakings from Fataoria, she becomes exercised. "That is the wrong way of looking at it. The demand is, and has been all along, that the regime should release him, just as it should release everybody else [political prisoners]. He is not prepared to sit and bargain over his release. Prisoners do not negotiate. There is nothing to negotiate about his freedom."

But are there not others, who are not prisoners, and who might wish to negotiate on Mandela's behalf? "I am saying that the demand is exactly the same as it has always been — and that is his immediate, unconditional release, not linked to anything else. The conditions have always been put not by the ANC, nor by Mandela, but by the Pretoria," Giniwala says.

"The demand for his release, both in South Africa and internationally, predate any prospect of a negotiated solution, and that remains the position. Let's face it. What stops President F.W. De



or Bats signifying (hint, hint) Mac

However, much of the idiolect of the setters of *The Times* Crosswords remains charmingly old-fashioned. A moll and a good-looking are quaint old male chauvinist gent's clues that point us towards a woman. The books that we are supposed to have read are still the reading-list of a Thirties English public school: the

We form pictures of the noble (secretive) band who set The Times Crosswords from internal evidence. They are raging alcoholics, because of their passion for short snifters such as gin, rum, ale,

and the handy Thirties name for Italian Vermont. It. They have read nothing published since the Second World War.

They have a sideways squint at the world: for them a banker means a river, a river is a flower, and a flower is a bloomer. We flatter ourselves that we can detect the individual hands behind the

But if the release happens, will it not have precisely the effect of allowing the De Klerk government to vault its own liberalism — even of letting it hijack the symbol of Mandela? "There are a number of inaccuracies in that kind of assessment," she says. "Mandela has never been a bargaining chip for the ANC... inevitably, with the way campaigns go, they focus on an individual, and Nelson Mandela has that charisma, that integrity that has maintained him."

we do not believe that something like apartheid is *capable* of reform. The issue is one of *dismantling* apartheid. What we have in South Africa is not one particularly repressive regime; what we have is not one particularly repressive law, or set of laws, but an entire system, constructed on the basis of race, which

permeates right through that society, every aspect, from where you are born to where you are buried, and everything in between. Is determined by your racial class. It is determined by your race. It is totally exclusive. The majority, it is the population from any possibility of political power. I repeat, De Klerk favours reform. He would be prepared to refurbish and perhaps even restructure apartheid, so long as it will always retain that element of white domination.

"The crucial divide between us and them is this. We say that we want a democratic society, the political institutions of which will draw our people together so that a move towards a common South African identity and nation is possible. In other words, start by taking what we have in common,

From the public relations point of view, Ginwalla believes she is still having to contend with the legacy of an overly racist historiography, in which black populations, whether of South Africa or of those of the continent's countries becoming decolonized since the war, were seen as unfit to run their own affairs. "In fact, it was worse in South Africa than it was in, for example, Ghana or Kenya. In the others, there was just London to contend with, whereas there it was Pretoria as well, with its massive machinery of propaganda."

She sees two quite distinct, and

contradictory, relationships between Britain and the majority of South Africans — the one informed by Westminster's seeming complicity with Pretoria, and the other by the expression of popular opinion through such channels as petitions, demonstrations, and the concert in support of Mandela.

Ginwards' house. If you went there, no-one would throw stones at you simply because you're British. But they do demonstrate against a Gating. Look at what happened the day before yesterday. It was the black crowds who were demonstrating, the whites who were throwing the stones and the bottles, and the police who used the dogs. We have to ask this question: if there really is a process of change, and the regime is sincere, then why the need for dogs and tear gas against people whom everyone accepts were peaceful?

"Pretoria sees the British Prime Minister and her Government as the regime's main comforter, which will protect it from international action. Perhaps the British public and the Government should consider what this implies for the future... What I am saying is that you cannot be seen, during a struggle by the people, as a collaborator and an ally of the oppressor — and expect not to face the consequences later on."

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ROSS

60 Erased or printed? (6,3)
71 Section of ground I duly opened
(5)
72 Sportsman placed in the middle
of runners (5)
77 Banding together for rising in
Scotland (7,2)
86 Little bird, with cry of pain,
suffered (5)
88 Old German settler's point of
view (5)
98 Particularly wide, possibly (5)
99 Demanding individual has to stir
things up endlessly (7)
108 Refuse a true novel writer (11)
116 Dread slip on front of tower (6)

DOWN

- 20 Acquaintance king has currently placed on left side (9)
- 21 Match-boxes as part of laboratory equipment (4-5)
- 22 Foreign currency, including nothing that moves between French banks (5)
- 23 Transport one head prior to request? Certainly a profitable principle (8,6,8)
- 37 Skill in speaking? Not at all (5)
- 38 Intuitive guess from sleuth unchecked (5)
- 39 Without being asked, naturally sat

down? (7)
40 Displacing into group, perhaps (9)
49 Times put in erudite crossword
enabling lots, initially, to do well
(5)
59 Something that will not endure
those, perhaps, over fifty? (5,6)
61 Artist's staff at home (5)
62 Those who play I keep in to
chastise (9)
77 Elmer omitting nothing in
heroism (9)
87 Company car? (3-6)
89 Iron measure used in plant (9)

THE CHALLENGE

- The Times Diamond Jubilee Crossword, which has 2,025 squares, has been broken into five sections which are appearing throughout this week.
- On Saturday we will reprint the whole grid, together with the remaining multi-section clues. Entries should be filled in on the grid which is reprinted on Saturday.
- There are 12 prizes on offer for the successful solvers: the winner will receive £1,000 and a trip to India for two, courtesy of Hogg Robinson and Cox & Kings. The second prize is a numbered set of the 32-volume *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in the limited edition Platinum binding, and a matching copy of the *Britannica World Data Annual*. Each of the 10 runners-up will receive *The Times Atlas of the World*.
- Full details of how to enter your solution, where to send your entry and the closing date will be published on Saturday.

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Parade ground

With the aggressive imagery of military uniform currently being disarmed, the spit and polish of its regalia acquires a fashionable new gloss. The lines of gilt buttons that supply any timid jacket with the status of a fashion statement risk finding themselves out-flanked this season. The smart shops are about to be turned into a parade ground for the new military tunics, coats and dresses gleaming with gold braid and bristling with epaulettes and pips.

Yves Saint Laurent can always pull rank and claim to have been the first to make fatigues and naval pea jackets high fashion. But it is the New York designer Ralph Lauren who commands this season's fashionable military campaign. His Bond Street shop consistently supplies luxurious classics, faultlessly cut in top-quality cloth. For this season he sharpens them up even more with the strong, graphic punch of "scrambled egg" braiding. As well as the high-collared white tunic shown below, Lauren has created an admiral's long overcoat, a snappily braided and gilt-buttoned coat dress, and sailor-collared jackets. Even a tailored, double-breasted evening dress is cut away to a braided bare halter neckline or strappy top.

James Laver, the fashion his-

There's something about a soldier
... or about his uniform, at least.

Tongue-in-cheek military chic is
making waves among the stylish ranks

torian, applied the principles said to govern the evolution of all costume — seduction, hierarchy, utility — to explain the romantic appeal of military dress. "Many a man who took the king's shilling did so in the firm conviction that there is nothing like a smart uniform to attract the girls," he said. Military detailing in women's fashions may be a parody, and no more than a licence for overloading simple clothes with decoration. But it is the only tongue-in-cheek chic acceptable to those who appreciate classic clothes, since the cut of a military tunic or the swing of a trench coat are founded on honest, functional design principles. Uniform shades of navy, black, sand, khaki and cream are fashion's elegant neutrals.

Even scarlet, introduced into military dress when Henry VIII ordered for his yeomen of the guard a vest of red cloth, laced at the front, to be worn over a shirt of mail is an honorary neutral colour, approved by Coco Chanel, that arbiter of classic chic and

inspiration for the current gold-buttoned craze.

This season's military mood is interpreted with clothes that range from a cavalryman's mess jacket or 18th-century midshipman's coat, to high boots and regimental trousers with a broad stripe up the side "of three fingers, broad red, upon the outside of the leg", as Henry VIII decreed.

Mondi is the label stitched into many of the crispest military clothes, in stores across the country. The collarless, cropped mess jacket smothered in badges, shown here, is by Mondri. Look, too, for a long Mondri gilt-buttoned navy coat, £325, or a navy T-shirt with gold braid and crown insignia for £49. Marella does those navy brass-buttoned sailor pants.

Sportmax is on parade with camouflage or khaki shorts and military tunics and jackets with epaulettes and patch pockets.

Khaki came into general military use in the Boer War and has remained the "fighting colour" of British troops, with the battle-dress blouse replacing the longer tunic at about the same time.

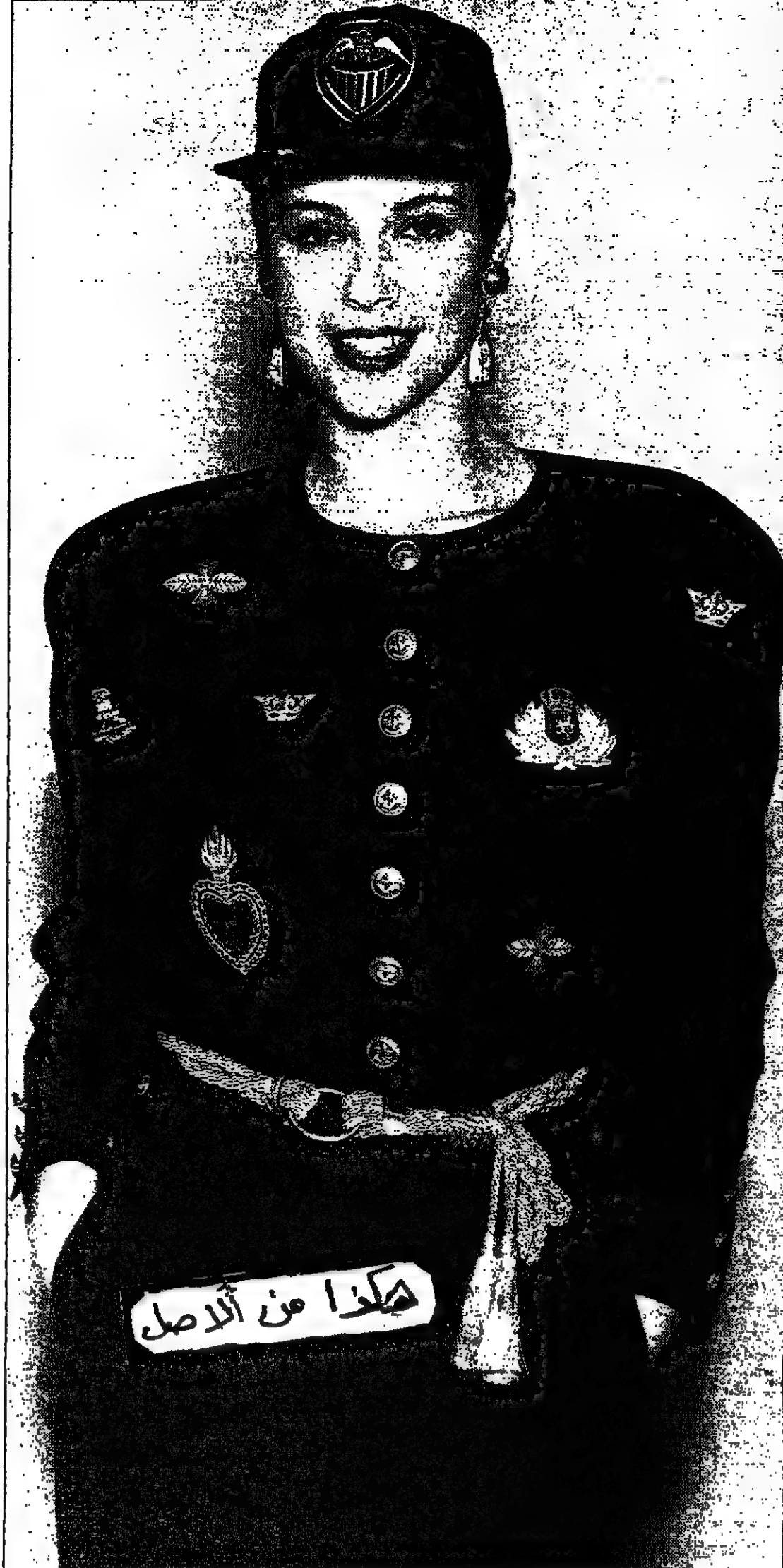
Anna Piaggi, the Italian fashion journalist who is the friend and muse of the designer Karl Lagerfeld, regularly wears an English 19th-century Hussar's coat softened by a boumy striped bow at her throat and a Romeo Gigli skirt. Anyone following her lead, however, risks looking like a hotel bellhop: footmen in the 19th century took to wearing 18th-century military coats.

While an army surplus shop such as Laurence Corner in north London is the place to find brass-buttoned mess jackets in thick white cotton, khaki tunics and shirts, and sailors' buttoned trousers, the really flamboyant vintage uniforms are to be found in second-hand shops or Christie's and Sotheby's sales.

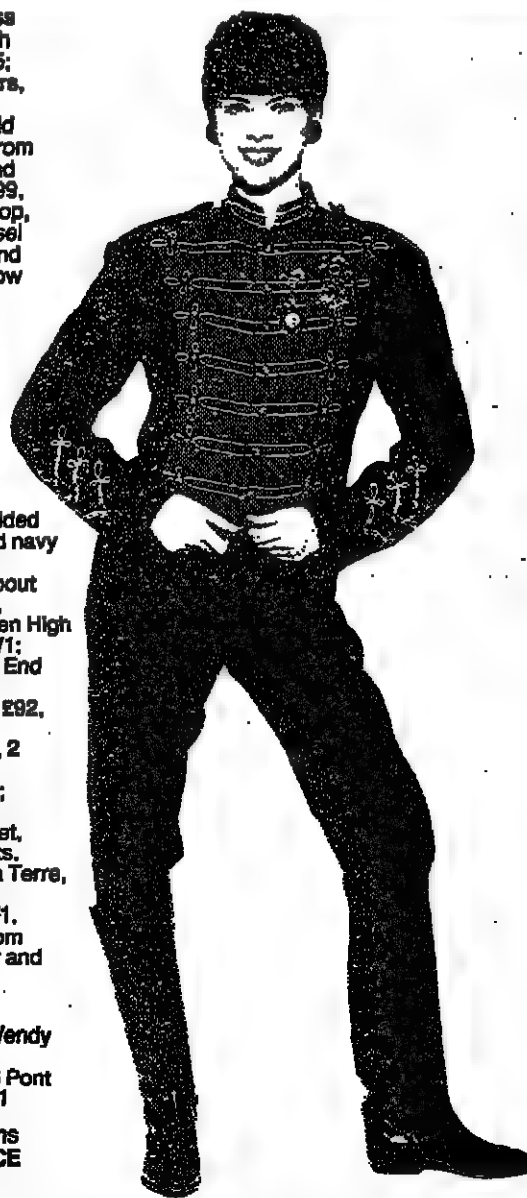
It is possible to assemble the look without any investment in new clothes. The badges and gold tassels, Sam Browne belts, caps and camouflage kit can all be added to a basic suit. Pink Soda, an accessory company that interprets the latest trends in inexpensive bits and pieces, is selling the things that pull this look together. You can find them in most big stores and Top Shop branches.



Left: Yellow cotton tunic with epaulettes, £149; shorts, £75; both Mondri, at Whiteleys, W2; Chelsea Harbour, SW3; Selfridges, W1; Dikins and Jones, W1; Harrods, SW1; House of Fraser branches; Fenwick, Newcastle; Rackham, Birmingham. Belt, £12; lunch box, £294; both Hackett, 63b New King's Road, SW6; 27 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2; 26 Eastcheap, EC3. Khaki canvas cap, £5.99; lanyard, £1.20; Laurence Corner, 62 Hampstead Road, NW1. Eagle pin, £23; Butler and Wilson, 20 South Molton Street, W1; 189 Fulham Road, SW3; Harrods, SW1. Right: Cream wool crepe tunic jacket, £720; navy shorts, £160; Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1; Harvey Nichols, SW1. Medal, £7.99; Pink Soda, Top Shop, Oxford Street, W1; Top Shop, Liverpool



Above: Navy collarless jacket, decorated with military insignia, £225; brass-buttoned trousers, £108; both Mondri, addresses below. Gold rope belt, £52; Blues from Fenwick, W1. Navy and gold peaked cap, £10.99, Pink Soda from Top Shop, addresses below. Tassel earrings, £42, Butler and Wilson, addresses below



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Valentino moves in

Valentino Garavani, the handsome Italian couturier with the sleek Roman profile and impeccably polished style, is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary in business, by settling into his London home this week.

The Knightsbridge house, decorated by Tom Parr of Colefax & Fowler, is the latest staging point in a jet-setting itinerary that keeps Valentino commuting between his Fifth Avenue apartment, a chalet in Gstaad, a villa on Capri and an 84ft yacht, before touching base in his palazzo in Rome.

The Italian's rage at Valentino's decision last year to show his *alta moda* collection during the Paris *haute couture* week was mollified this season when he staged a preview of the collection in Rome, showing models in a *tableau vivant* when he reopened the 15th-century Academy of Fine Arts as a cultural centre that now bears his name. Valentino's latest flattering silhouette skims a sparrow-thin figure before breaking into a sunburst of pretty pleats.

The Accademia Valentino, restored by Valentino at an estimated £400,000, is a 8,600 sq ft space, next to his Rome atelier, where exhibitions and cultural events will be staged to raise funds for Aids-related charities. "How much I love and care about this city is shown by the effort that we are putting into the Accademia," he said at the opening.

Valentino's London boutiques are at 160 New Bond Street, W1 and 35 Sloane Street, SW1. Valentino Oliver, his sportier, lower-priced line, is available at 55 South Molton Street, W1 and 36 Sloane Street, SW1.



Valentino: now his name is on a fine art academy in Rome

Facing up to cosmetics

A scrubbed, early-morning face is not what make-up artist Ariane wants when clients turn up for one of her cosmetic counselling sessions. The client's existing make-up routine is assessed and the contents of her cosmetic bag are studied before she can advise.

The fact that Ariane is used to working with top international models and high-lighting the well-known features of the likes of Jane Seymour, Shakira Caine or Mandy Smith should not inhibit anybody from seeking her expert help.

The day-long seminars at the Basil Street Hotel in Knightsbridge, west London, are relaxed get-togethers for small groups of women of all ages, with no pressure to buy products. For information about the next seminars on February 10 and 28, contact Cosmetic Counselling, 21 Kingswood Avenue, London NW6 6LL (01-968 6887).

Exporters make their mark

In spite of gloomy forecasts for the fashion trade, remarkable increases in turnover and export figures were produced by the six winners of this year's British Knitting & Clothing Export Council awards, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank.

The six are: Albany Belt Company, the bag and accessories manufacturer, based in Melton Mowbray, whose customers include Nina Ricci and Fabergé; Amalgamated Talent, the company behind two young designers, Karen Boyd and Helen Storey (see facing page); Murray Allan of Innerleithen and Ballantyne, two leading labels in Britain's booming cashmere business (see facing page); Bryant of Scotland, part of the Laura Ashley group based in Tillicoultry; and John Partridge, makers of traditional country clothes. The menswear company, Daniel Poole, won the Clothes Show Young Enterprise Award for Export.

Designs on Michelangelo

Baroque cupids, Napoleonic sphinxes and intricate Gothic stained glass patterns inspire English Eccentrics' range of silk scarves. The latest design from Helen and Judy Littman, commissioned by Vanessa Ram of the Royal Academy shop, was inspired by Michelangelo's "Taddei Tondo".

This sculpture is not on display at present because of rebuilding work, but the scarf is on sale. In a heavy silk crepe de Chine in two colour combinations — Sienna red and buttery cream, or blue and ivory — it costs £75, and is available at the Royal Academy shop, Piccadilly, W1; Liberty, W1; and Janet Fitch, 2 Percy Street, W1.

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Glory days for silky-soft cashmere

The price may get your goat, but the popularity of the world's most luxurious yarn is still growing

The international standing of Scottish cashmere, the pride of the British fashion industry, is riding high. Two Borders-based cashmere manufacturers, Ballantyne and Murray Allan, picked up two of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council's six Apparel Export awards presented by the Princess Royal at the Mansion House last week.

In her capacity as president of the BKCEC. And tonight, the Duchess of Kent is guest of honour at a celebration of Scottish cashmere in a gala fashion show at Claridge's, which will also be attended by Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Both Ballantyne and Murray Allan will feature prominently in the show, which aims to establish the relationship between international designers and cashmere.

The list of big-name designers who work with cashmere includes Bruce Oldfield, who creates jet-trimmed cashmere tunics for Murray Allan; the New York designer Oscar de la Renta, and Scotland's Alistair Blair, who collaborates with Ballantyne in creating cashmere classics.

Then there is Shayeesh Nazami, the Iranian-born designer behind the successful Shi cashmere label launched five years ago, who moved into a farmhouse in Hawick to learn the techniques of the craft.

Michael Kors and Joan Vass, both top New York designers, work closely with Lyle & Scott. Muriel Hackland, a Scots-born designer who worked with Ralph Lauren for five years, is now

back designing for Clan Douglas. This is the calibre of international talent taking part in tonight's fashion spectacular, organized by the Scottish Trade Centre.

The story of cashmere began, in fact, in Bradford, where two brothers, Benjamin and Alton Dawson, invented a machine in the 18th century to "dehair" cashmere and separate the soft, fine hairs from the coarse. The new machine was put into use by Hawick knitters in 1770. Today Dawson International is a Borders conglomerate of knitwear manufacturers that includes Ballantyne, Barrie Braemar, Glenmac, McGeorge and Pringle, and is the world's largest cashmere processor.

The price of a Professor Higgins cardigan in top quality cashmere is currently around £250 and rising. The cost is linked to the scarcity of the raw material: the finest fleece comes from the underbelly of goats grazed in the harsh conditions of Inner Mongolia.

China, with a monopoly on top-grade fleece, can name its price, and since the decentralization of quality control and distribution to each province, prices have soared.

Although cashmere now costs £180 a kilogram in its ready-to-knit state, Ronald Miller, chief executive of Dawson International, believes the demand for the yarn will increase. Price, he says, is not an issue.

"When you are dealing with a commodity as rare as cashmere, people are prepared to pay for it," he says.

'People are prepared to pay for a commodity as rare as cashmere'



Above left: Cream cashmere sweater with off-the-shoulder concertina neckline, £350, Oldfield for Murray Allan, from Harvey Nichols, SW1. Centre: Flowered cashmere cardigan, £736, with matching sweater, £292, by Ballantyne, from Harrods, SW1; Harvey Nichols, SW1. Right: Taupe cashmere sweater with cable pattern, £150 approx, by Glenmac, from autumn/winter 1989 collection

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Talent goes separate ways

MARK BORTHWICK



Glistening pleated strapless dress by Helen Storey, £325

The presentation of a British Knitting and Clothing Export Council award to Amalgamated Talent has unwittingly served as a celebratory send-off for two talented young designers who now plan to go their separate ways.

After five years of pooling resources, Karen Boyd and Helen Storey, with their business partner Caroline Coates, plan to disband Amalgamated Talent, the marketing base they shared. Their next collection, to be launched in March, will be shown individually. Storey remains in the design studio that the trio established two years ago; the Boyd & Storey shop in Newburgh Street, Soho, will change its name to Helen Storey from August. Boyd moves to her new studio this spring. Coates, who will continue to act as consultant to both, says: "Each has her niche in the fashion market. I am confident that both Karen and Helen will play an important part in the British and international fashion circuit in the 1990s."

Storey, aged 30, worked for Valentino in Rome after graduating from Kingston Polytechnic in 1981, and went on to head the design studio at Lanoni in Rome. Since she launched her own label back in London in 1984, as part of Amalgamated Talent, she has established herself as a designer of the sort of flamboy-

ant numbers lavished with gold beading, fringing and chains that are flaunted by Cher, Paula Yates, Madonna, Patsy Kensit and Greta Scacchi.

Last October she was nominated by the British Fashion Council for two awards in the Young Designer of the Year and Glamour categories.

Boyd, aged 28, launched her own label after leaving New Polytechnic in 1984, and quickly established a distinctive, innovative style that is worn by a growing following including Miriam Stoppard, Miranda Richardson and Madonna.

Caroline Coates campaigned constantly for industry backing for the outpouring of design talent from British art colleges in the early 1980s, creaming off as many as 20 or 30 names in some years under the Amalgamated Talent umbrella, before establishing the partnership with Boyd and Storey. She can take credit for launching the two designers and grooming them for the coveted BKCEC award. Exports, especially to Europe and the Far East, have more than tripled in the past two years. In the UK, both collections are available in 27 shops, including Harvey Nichols.

"This award gives credibility," Coates says. "Karen and Helen each have a strong following. This gives them the industry's recognition."

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ALAN HAMILTON

Before this year's war anniversaries become entirely dominated by the half-century of Dunkirk, I shall remind you that it will be 75 years in April since the inglorious episode of Gallipoli. It was, as you will recall, the bleeding of the Anzacs, and prime minister Bob Hawke intends to charter an aircraft and fly 60 Aussie veterans back to the Turkish battlefield on Anzac Day, April 25, for a commemorative bash. New Zealand is sending its Governor-General, Sir Paul Reeves, prime minister Geoffrey Palmer having decided it would be more appropriate to attend a memorial service at home. Mrs Thatcher intends to travel to Turkey, but beyond that the British appear intent on forgetting the whole episode. Apart, that is, from the Royal British Legion, whose pilgrimages department plans to fly out a party, including the only British survivor of the Gallipoli campaign (I shall not identify him yet, lest the years take their toll before he gets there). Might it not be an honourable recognition of the 19,000 British dead if the Government were to fund the pilgrimage?

● The cleric lives. Dawn Williams of Gerrards Cross offers this topical nugget:
Nelson Mandela
Said: "what a helluva
thing to come out to, Getting
Battling."

If, as I do, you consistently fail to win the Reader's Digest Prize Draw, you may like to try instead for a prize of 250,000 Belgian francs, an Oscar-style statuette, and the title "Polyglot of Europe". The Centre for Modern Languages at Limburg, Belgium, is looking for the EC citizen who speaks the greatest number of foreign tongues well enough to pass as a native in each of them. I hope there will be some British entrants to allay the old suspicion that our sole means of communication with foreigners is shouting in English, but you should be aware that the minimum entrance requirement is nine languages, and that a previous contest to find the Polyglot of Flanders (you need to be a polyglot in Flanders, really) produced fluent speakers in Arabic, Swahili, Japanese, Uzbek and Tatar. Shouters, you have been warned.

BARRY FANTONI



"Don't tell me - in an apple pie"

China is desperately trying to revive its tourist industry, which took such a knock after the hideous events of Tiananmen Square. One measure being planned to lure back the hard currency - and keep it out of the hands of the hapless peasantry - is a clampdown on tour guides and drivers demanding tips. Even more appealing is a promise by He Guangwei, vice-chairman of the national tourism administration, that if guides and hotel staff offer surly service, tourists will be able to sue for compensation, and the surly staff will be disciplined. Such a law might not come amiss in this country, except that the payouts would ruin us.

A major exhibition of wildlife drawings and paintings at the Natural History Museum next month will doubtless draw the crowds, and rightly so. But I fear that its title is exceptionally unfortunate. "Sir Peter Scott at 80: A Retrospective" would have been fine had not Sir Peter died last August, two weeks short of his 80th birthday.

Threatened by stiff new limitations on musical entertainment in the Paris Métro, the buskers who offer jazz, rock, opera and the classics beneath the streets are staging a series of subterranean protest concerts. The authorities want to specify fixed places for corridor combos - much as happens on the London Underground - and to confine travelling troubadours to two coaches per train. Regular commuters of all ages and musical inclinations are expected to rally round their favourites, although the proposal to limit platform performers to a maximum of two 10-watt amplifiers should find favour among those who have to brave the thunderous Afro-Caribbean bands that frequent the A line at Châtelet Les Halles. Fine, but continue to beware the Métro's notorious pickpockets, among whom I gather the city's Yugoslavs are current champions of artful dodging.

It is with a tremulous heart and no less unsteady hand that I set pen to paper in this year of grace 1990, for no more honourable a reason than to unburden myself to you, dear reader, of that dreadful catalogue of events which only your gentle and indulgent spirit...

Born a century too late, is the problem. A hundred years ago, and I should have been able to hurl myself into this feuilleton with the only style befitting its bizarre and fathomless matter. I might even have got away with declaiming that it was my belief, founded upon my experience, that the lowest and vilest alleys of London did not present a more dreadful record of sin than did the smiling and beautiful countryside, especially since countryside was what Crickwell then was, a fair clop from Baker Street but well worth the hansom fare if you

East Germans will vote in full and free elections on March 18. They have had no semblance of democracy since Hitler burnt the Reichstag, 57 years ago. All over Eastern Europe the inhabitants are getting, or preparing for, genuine democracy, in some cases for the first time. In Hong Kong, after 150 years of British rule, no members of the Legislative Council are elected by popular vote. Twenty-five per cent represent "functional constituencies" of professional and other groups chosen by their peers; 21 per cent are indirectly elected by the members of directly elected urban councils and district boards; the remainder are official appointees.

Until a few years ago most Hong Kongers did not mind very much. Benign British rule provided justice and equality before the law and ensured that the processes of administration were as democratic as they are here. They were neither oppressed nor hungry. Without the prospect of takeover by Peking in 1997, they might have been content to move with tranquil slowness to one person, one vote in their Legislative Council.

After the Joint Declaration of 1984, interest in popular democracy began to grow. Its surge following the massacres in Pe-

king on June 4 last year has become a flood since communist governments everywhere, including Mongolia, have been under threat or destroyed. Dame Lydia Dunn and Allen Lee of the Legislative Council, both highly respected political leaders acutely sensitive to Hong Kong opinion, explained this last week to Mrs Thatcher and numerous MPs prepared to listen.

The Legislative Council's agreed demand to the British government is that in 1991 one third of the Legislative Council should be elected by one person, one vote; one third through the indirect vote of functional constituencies; and one third should be official appointees. In the 1995 elections - the last before the Peking takeover - the consensus in the Legislative Council requests that 50 per cent shall be directly elected by the people and 50 per cent through the functional constituencies. For 1999 the demand is for 67 per cent to be elected by one person, one vote and for only

one third to come from functional constituencies.

There is nothing to prevent our acceding to the Legislative Council's request, either in the 1984 Joint Declaration or the Basic Law, drafted in Peking with little input from Hong Kong and with its final form to be disclosed in two stages in February and March. Peking could not claim a breach of any agreement by us. The proposals are exceedingly modest by the world standards of the last few months. Yet we jib at them. We adopt the insulting attitude of nanny-knows-best towards the Hong Kongers.

Peking proposes that by 1997 only 30 per cent should be directly elected, with half still coming from the functional constituencies and 20 per cent to be chosen by a sinister sounding new election committee of Peking's devising. A majority of the last could block anything passed by the other members. As they would be hand-picked by Peking, this would mean a Peking

veto, though it is said that if blocked resolutions and laws were resubmitted a simple majority of all groups combined would suffice to carry them. This would seem unlikely in practice.

The British government tells Hong Kongers that their Legislative Council proposals go much too far and will infuriate Peking. It warns them not to take such a terrible risk. It believes they could set off a drastic 1997 reversal by Peking to less democracy in line with the current Peking proposals or even to its near or total elimination.

It is not us, but the Hong Kongers, who would take the risk. Highly sophisticated and intelligent, they understand what democracy is about. They want it in full measure now, so that Peking will have the international embarrassment of dismantling it later if so inclined.

We can do nothing to protect Hong Kong against Peking after July 1997. We can do something now. Give them a bulwark of popular democracy which Pe-

king would have to tear down, incurring local wrath. We must make the decision before the first promulgation of the Basic Law by Peking in mid-February. If we give less than the Legislative Council asks, there may well be a constitutional crisis.

The Governor's Executive Council would probably advise the Governor against watering-down British proposals. The Governor would have to refer to Whitehall for authority to railroad its objections. If that were done the Legislative Council would then move amendments radically to alter the British proposals. There would be a head-on clash between Britain and Hong Kongers, who would demonstrate massively against a Legislative Council failing to reject unacceptable proposals. It is their role to assess and brave any adverse reaction from Peking. It is impertinent of us to try to do this for them.

Hong Kongers are bitter because of our perceived betrayal. They are not quite so

angry since the Government announced a small number of abode passports. But the mood in Hong Kong is nervous and volatile. They read and see on television demonstrations overthrowing hated governments. A 5 per cent increase in ferry fares not long ago set off a major strike of a kind hitherto unknown in Hong Kong. As British rule wanes, demonstrations could be sparked off among Hong Kongers themselves aimed at overthrowing a British administration about to deliver them with almost zero democracy to Peking. Hong Kong could become ungovernable. If its citizens proclaimed its independence, Chinese troops might enter Hong Kong before 1997 to assert Peking's despotism.

We would be wiser to do as the Legislative Council, fully backed by the people, wishes. Even a 100 per cent one person, one vote Legislative Council by 1991 or 1995 would be desirable in the light of the world's present democratic revolutions. There will be no problem if Peking has a reasonable government by 1997 - either with full Hong Kong democracy or over passports with right of entry here. Our final duty to Hong Kongers is to follow their instincts in guarding against the worst.

Daniel Johnson rebuts claims of dependence and sees no benefit for Moscow in hanging on

Take the brake off the Baltics

These are heady days on the south-eastern shores of the Baltic Sea. As the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee meets next week to consider Lithuanian demands for greater autonomy, leading to complete independence within three or four years, Latvians and Estonians are preparing to leapfrog their neighbours with ever more radical demands. Elections in Lithuania in a month's time will set the seal on political pluralism there, while embryonic independent governments are already emerging in all three states.

Much of the hyperbole with which the independence movements in the Baltic states have been greeted in the West is unjustified. These three countries, which Stalin occupied in 1940, make up a combined total of less than 3 per cent of the Soviet Union's population. Their loss would be less painful than that of oil-rich Transcaucasia - the other region demanding the right to secede from the union - let alone Ukraine.

However, they are of importance to Moscow militarily and economically. As one of only four seas to which the Baltic has direct access, the Baltic is the home of a large Soviet fleet. Both Latvia and Estonia have long and strategically valuable coastlines. In the past decade the Latvian port of Liepaja has been turned into one of the largest and most closely guarded of all Soviet naval bases.

Yet the strategic argument for coercing the Baltic nations to remain Soviet does not stand up. The great ocean-going navy

which was built up during the Brezhnev era - and which has continued to grow under Gorbachev - already resembles the Kaiser's white elephant, the German High Seas Fleet. Navies are the most splendid, but also the most expensive of imperial accessories. If Gorbachev wished to do his economy a favour, without seriously damaging his country's defences, he could do worse than to scuttle his Baltic Fleet in Liepaja harbour, as German sailors once did at Scapa Flow.

Much more plausible is the economic argument against Baltic secession. Soviet politicians and commentators are often allowed to get away with claims that Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia could not survive on their own. There are also ominous hints that independence would have to be paid for with crippling hard currency reparations for all Soviet investments there since 1940. Expensive though this would be, the Baltic nations would consider their liberty cheap at this price.

Even if a Carthaginian settlement of this kind were not imposed, sceptics claim that the Baltic states are too small and too dependent on the Soviet hinterland to be viable economic units - lacking, it is assumed, Soviet supplies of energy, raw materials and finished goods. How could little Estonia survive, they ask, when so much of its wealth derives from the production of 75 per cent of the Soviet Union's artificial gas from shale? And how would Lithuanian or

Latvian shipbuilding weather the competition of South Korean or Japanese rivals, without the huge captive Soviet market? Are the small but precious electronics industries of the Baltic states proof against a sudden influx of cheaper, more advanced products from the West?

The key to survival for a newly free Baltic (or any other) republic can be found in David Hume's *Essay of Commerce*:

If we consult history we shall find that in most nations foreign trade has preceded any refinement in home manufactures, and given birth to domestic luxury. The temptation is stronger to make use of foreign commodities which are ready for use, and which are entirely new to us, than to make improvements on any domestic commodity, which always advance by slow degrees and never affect us by their novelty... Imitation soon diffuses all these arts, while domestic manufactures emulate the foreign in their improvements, and work up every home commodity to the utmost perfection of which it is susceptible. Their own steel and iron, in such laborious hands, become equal to the gold and rubies of the Indies.

All the great economic success stories have followed the pattern Hume describes. Imports of Western technology would not destroy the Baltic economies: if central planning were abandoned, trade with the West would greatly benefit them. Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore are recent examples.

Elsewhere in Europe there are countries comparable to the



Baltic states. Scandinavia is the nearest at hand. Before 1914 the disparities between its prosperity and that of the Baltic provinces of the then Tsarist Empire were far less than they are today. In the late Middle Ages the Latvian and Estonian ports of Riga and Reval (Tallinn) were powerful members of the Hanseatic League. Clearly, the natural propensity of the Baltic nations has always been towards commerce.

The economics of Baltic independence thus greatly favours

the secessionists. Since May last year, when the Lithuanian and Estonian parliaments voted to defy Moscow by taking over control of their economies, it has become even clearer than before that the dead hand of Moscow was not only unnecessary, but positively harmful. Now that the economies of Central Europe are pursuing free market policies, and Comecon is in its death agony, the Baltic states are desperate not to be left behind.

Not only are they not afraid of losing the much-vaunted Soviet

raw materials, they would positively welcome the chance to buy in the cheapest market from countries which are at last emerging from the awariness and barter of the past 40 years. Polish steelworkers or East German coal-miners would happily undercut their Soviet rivals in order to capture the Baltic markets.

Were the Kremlin to impede trade with an independent Baltic state, it would damage the Soviet economy far more than the intended victim. The lights of Leningrad would die without Estonian gas; Soviet industry and agriculture would be hard-pressed to find cheaper machinery in the West than they can buy in Lithuania.

The ethnic composition has changed many times since the Germans, Poles, Swedes and Russians struggled for supremacy there. Many of the merchants and manufacturers were, until Stalin and Hitler, either Jews or Germans. Today there are large Russian, Polish, Finnish, Byelorussian and Ukrainian minorities. The Russians, who usurped the dominant position previously held by the Germans, now fear that secession would leave them vulnerable to persecution. In reality, there are probably few parts of the communist world where such conflicts are less likely. The Baltic has always mingled races and religions along its coastline.

Once free, the Baltic states could be a relatively good risk for Western investors, provided that they formed an economic confederation, perhaps on the lines of the Benelux countries. Only the denial of independence by the imposition of martial law might cause the Latvians or Estonians - who have the largest Russian minorities - to turn on their neighbours. If there is no good economic argument against secession, how much less is there a racial one.

At last Britain can claim to be capitalist

Tim Congdon shows how investment has changed under Thatcher

An active debate has developed about Britain's economic performance in the 1980s. The principal point at issue is whether the Thatcher government's policies have led to an increase in the underlying growth rate of output. The debate has been rather inconclusive, although it is interesting that no one has suggested that Thatcherite policies have been responsible for a reduction in the growth rate.

But perhaps the debate about performance is premature. There is surely the prior question about how much the present government's policies have altered the structure of the economy. After all, it would be unfair to expect a change in the economy's performance if there had not been a previous change in its structure.

One key aspect of economic structure is the extent to which investment is carried out by the private sector rather than government. When they were first elected in 1979, Mrs Thatcher and her ministers were eloquent about the merits of private ownership and market forces. They were convinced that private-sector investment moti-

vated by profit would be more successful than public-sector investment determined by political fashion. They wanted to see private investment grow faster than public investment in the 1980s. How far has this objective been achieved? Has the structure of the UK's economy been significantly changed over the last decade?

The answer is given in the accompanying chart. It shows that private investment rose from 71.3 per cent of total investment in 1979 to 86.2 per cent in 1989. One qualification is that official statistics regard private-sector purchase of buildings and land from the public sector as positive private-sector investment and negative public-sector investment. Perhaps such purchases are better regarded as a re-arrangement of existing assets than as a change in the composition of new investment. They have been dominated by council house sales in recent years, and in 1988 amounted to 4.2 per cent of total

investment compared to 0.6 per cent in 1979.

Despite the problem with transfers of existing assets, it is clear that the character of investment changed radically in the 1980s. There was a large increase in the role of the private sector, which must be historically unique. The rhetoric of 1979 proved to be the reality of the following decade.

The expansion of the private sector's share was partly the result of the Government's privatization programme. Obviously, as industries entered the private sector, their investment was re-categorized. However, this effect was not dominant. Instead, rapid growth of investment in industries in private hands at the start of the decade was more important.

Roughly speaking, if there had been no transfers from the state sector, the volume of private investment would still have risen by about 7 per cent a year between 1981 and 1989. This dynamism not only far outpaced investment growth in industries

which stayed in the public sector throughout the period, but was exceptional by past standards.

The private sector's gains have yet further to go. Although the next few years will see a significant increase in public-sector investment on the roads, railways and other infrastructure projects, the recent privatization of the water industry and the forthcoming privatization of electricity ensure that the private sector's share will increase. By late 1991 or 1992 the private sector will account for more than 90 per cent of investment in this country.

	Private investment % of total	Public investment % of total
1979	71.3	28.7
1980	72.2	27.8
1981	74.5	25.5
1982	76.4	23.6
1983	73.1	26.9
1984	75.8	24.2
1985	79.5	20.5
1986	79.9	20.1
1987	83.1	16.9
1988	86.2	13.8
1989 (est)	87.0	13.0

If the difference from 1979 is clear, the contrast with the post-war norm is spectacular. It needs to be remembered that during the 1950s and 1960s public-sector investment was typically 40 per cent or more of the total. In 1967 and 1968, at the height of the power-station building programme, public investment was 46 per cent of all UK investment.

The scale of the transformation under the Thatcher government is remarkable. For most of the post-war period Britain was described, accurately and properly, as having a mixed economy. The idea was so well-established that it was stated in sixth-form and university texts almost as if it were a permanent, unalterable truth.

But, with more than 90 per cent of investment in private hands, it will be more correct to regard the UK as having a genuinely capitalist economy. In the final chapter of his *General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*, Keynes recommended "a somewhat com-

prehensive socialisation of investment", in order that the government could vary investment spending to combat the trade cycle. In the first 35 years after the Second World War British governments followed Keynes's advice and presided over a substantially socialized economy. Mrs Thatcher and her ministers have now turned Keynes on his head by implementing a somewhat comprehensive privatization of investment.

There have obviously been efficiency gains in industries such as steel, cars and coal, reflecting their greater exposure to market pressures and the impact of actual or prospective privatization. But the returns from investment come through over many years, and it is perhaps still too early to judge whether the changes in the economy's structure under the present government will have a meaningful and enduring effect on performance. The 1990s, like the 1980s, will be an interesting decade for the debate about private versus public ownership. The author is economic adviser to Gerrard & National Holdings.

Case of the conker conundrum



ALAN COREN

were a beaky violinist with a penchant for the insoluble.

As it is, I shall just have to lay the facts before you in the mundane literary fashion of the times, and leave the Victorian sinisterness of those facts to glimmer through as best it can.

A couple of weeks ago, I drove to Riverside Nurseries to buy a horse-chestnut tree. Purists may say that I should have poked a conker in and taken my chances, but if they do it will be because they are young purists, unable to appreciate that when a gardener reaches a certain age, he cannot muck about with seeds if he hopes to realize a dream of sitting

beneath something spreading.

Within the hour, I was driving back with the hood down and the tree strapped into the seat beside me and draped over the back with its top-gallant tracery whistling in the wind, for all the world like Isadora Duncan. But even taller: twelve feet of tree this was, and guaranteed to conker before too many of my remaining autumns had dwindled.

It will be appreciated from this that what it needed was a big hole; the day was mild, and the soil yielding, and I was soon lustily swinging the spade among the inopportune robins and congratulating myself for doing my small

bit towards making up for all the luckless trees that have been chopped down over the past 30 years so that I could earn my living. You may thus gather that I

was in pretty high spirits, and they lasted right to the bottom of the hole.

I was three feet down, about to cast the spade aside and reach for the bonemeal, when I struck metal. I peered in, suddenly fearful of power conduit or sewerman's helmet, but saw, with relief, that it was only a small earthy lump of something. I reached down, and brought it up. It weighed a couple of pounds, and it was shapeless; until I poked the mud off. When I poked the mud off, it became a revolver.

The afternoon suddenly grew slightly less mild, at least on the back of the neck. I left the tree,

and went into the house, and ran the gun under the tap until the rest of the mud was gone. It was remarkably rustless, possibly because it seemed to have been plated, possibly because of the few shards of paper which had come away under the tap and which may have been the remains of some more substantial wrapping. Not that this mattered any more than the fact that it could, clearly, no longer be fired; what mattered was that it could equally clearly have been fired once, and that it had not been buried itself.

There are not many reasons for burying a revolver, especially in a domestic garden. My wife suggested I take it to the police, but I held back, partly because I didn't want them storming in with labradors called Radar and digging up the lawn in the hope of finding what might have once been on the wrong end of the gun, but mainly because the gun had been buried a long time ago, and the chances of their finding whoever might have done what might have been done were remote enough for me to prefer rather to get on with collaring the rathog who nicked my car radio in 1983. I know it was buried a long time ago, because the gun-dealer I did take it to put its inertness at around 1900, give or take. It had, he said, been made about 1860. Quite what happened on my premises some time between 1860 and 1900 I have, a fortnight ago, almost stopped thinking about.

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ENGLISH SOCCER SQUALOR

Lord Justice Taylor's final report on the Hillsborough Stadium disaster is a social document of the first importance. The picture he paints is of a general malaise or blight over the game — "old grounds, poor facilities, hooliganism, excessive drinking and poor leadership".

Lord Justice Taylor records the "devastating and chastening fact" that his is the ninth official report covering crowd safety and control at football grounds, and he quotes the words of his immediate predecessor, Mr Justice Popplewell, who reported on the Bradford disaster of 1986 — "almost all the matters into which I have been asked to inquire and almost all the solutions I have proposed, have been previously considered in detail by many distinguished inquiries over a period of 60 years".

The catalogue of inadequacy is indeed devastating. Of the clubs belonging to the present league, 58 moved into their present grounds between 1889 and 1910. The facilities provided for spectators are described as "not merely basic but squalid".

Lord Justice Taylor is severe on the management of the game at both national and local level. The FA and the Football League, in their written submission, did not feel that they should be "charged with the responsibility of setting detailed safety standards or enforcing them". One club chairman extended a VIP welcome to homecoming "supporters" convicted of misbehaviour while attending a match in Greece. Nor have the antics of the 22 men on the pitch escaped Lord Justice Taylor's attention. "The cool self-control of Corinthian Casuals will never return", he writes in a notable understatement.

The report's recommendations are far-reaching. At the top of the list comes a move to all-seated accommodation. Some will feel that a timetable which eliminates all standing only by August 1999 is too leisurely. There are detailed proposals affecting police planning, including placing the option to postpone a kick-off within the discretion of the officer in command at the ground. Police authorities are

also urged to ensure that their charges are realistic.

Lord Justice Taylor explains his reasons for believing that the football membership scheme was not feasible. He believes that it would lead to a build-up of fans at the turnstiles, with possibly even more hooliganism outside, and any failure in the technology could have grave repercussions. The Shadow Home Secretary was no doubt entitled to try to make political capital out of the Government's embarrassment on this point yesterday, but he did it with no great elegance.

The debate on the report should now move swiftly to a consideration of ways and means. Lord Justice Taylor prudently observes that fiscal policy is for government and ultimately Parliament to decide, but he sets out the arguments for and against a number of tax changes put to him by the football authorities — the abolition of VAT on spot the ball competitions, a reduction in pool betting tax and the introduction of capital allowances for ground improvements.

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Party opinion on how the money is to be found will divide fairly predictably. Mr Hattersley seems to see football as a sort of extension of the National Health Service into which the Government has some ill-defined moral duty to pour substantial sums of public money. The Home Secretary made it clear in the Commons yesterday that he takes a rather different view. The Government's concern is with public safety and public order. Public opinion will support it in believing that football must now set its own house in order at its own expense.

MR BUSH'S BUDGET

The budget which President Bush presented to Congress yesterday holds out an alluring prospect. Assisted by moderate cuts in the defence budget, larger cuts in social programmes and a forecast of buoyant economic growth the President has been able to put together a package which cuts the United States fiscal deficit almost in half to a projected \$63.1 billion in the fiscal year 1991. A cut of this magnitude would do much to improve the balance of savings and investment in the US, reduce interest rates, cut the demand for overseas finance and help stabilize the exchange rate of the dollar.

Unfortunately things are not that simple. The President's proposals are the beginning of an arcane and acrimonious process which will continue until the beginning of the next financial year on October 1 and maybe beyond. By the time it is finally enacted the budget is unlikely to bear much resemblance to yesterday's proposals, and by the end of the year in question it will bear even less.

This time last year Mr Bush proposed a package which projected a deficit of \$91.1 billion — decently below the Gramm-Rudman limit for fiscal 1990 of \$100 billion. By April the expected deficit had risen to \$99.4 billion. By the time the budget was finally enacted in November the deficit had risen to \$105 billion, and now the forecast is for \$123.8 billion.

The passage of the 1991 budget is unlikely to be easier. President Bush's proposals will be controversial in the Democrat-dominated Congress. Though caution in the face of the changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union is wise, many Congressmen have already gone window shopping with a "peace dividend" several times the size Mr Bush is proposing.

The emphasis of the President's cuts falls more heavily on social programmes such as Medicare and Medicaid. Spending on such

mandatory programmes is projected to be cut by \$19 billion. On the revenue side the President continues to hold to his no new taxes pledge, and to add insult to injury he is persisting with his plans to reduce the rate of capital gains tax. None of this will appeal to the Democrats who can be expected to demand substantial changes in return for its safe passage through Congress.

The President has also been unable to resist the traditional play of making optimistic assumptions about the economy. A forecast growth rate of 2.6 per cent for the year to the fourth quarter of 1990 is not far out of line with private estimates, but the 3.3 per cent forecast for the same period next year could turn out well above the reality.

Given the combination of optimistic assumptions, fiscal rules and wishful thinking which has to be employed in the course of the budget process sceptics may question whether the Gramm-Rudman targets for the deficit are worth having at all. Although the planned deficit for fiscal 1991 is fractionally below the \$64 billion limit set out in the law, everybody knows that it will turn out much higher. Indeed, Congress has the option of setting the Gramm-Rudman law aside if growth in the economy falls below 1 per cent for two successive quarters — an eventuality which is far from remote.

Yet to discount Gramm-Rudman seems unduly pessimistic. In spite of all the statistical shenanigans the deficit reduction law does force both the Administration and Congress to consider ways of cutting the deficit sharply. If it is followed more in the breach than the observance it still exerts a strong pull in the right direction. The 1991 budget — though the outcome will leave much to be desired — should continue the process of reducing the deficit as a proportion of the economy.

FAITH AND WORKS

The famous — or notorious — Church of England report *Faith in the City* of 1985 never was Marxist, whatever else it was. That damaging objection was a red herring which distracted attention from some genuine flaws in the document's argument. The first test to apply to its successor published yesterday, *Living Faith in the City*, is whether those flaws still exist in the ecclesiastical circles from which such things come. The gratifying answer appears to be that the Church has learnt a good lesson.

In the intervening five years the Government itself has promoted the issues of urban decay and inner city poverty substantially higher in its order of concerns. The change has coincided with a continuous reduction in unemployment — which is not unrelated, surely, to Government measures to stimulate inner city economies.

Some uneasiness with the Church's approach still remains, however. The report, produced by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisory Group on Urban Priority Areas, seems to treat the rise in employment as resulting from an act of God. It is in truth largely the result of free market economic enterprise, the encouragement of which the Government has always made its chief concern. But when the new church report talks of the need for a theological critique of free market economics, the assumption is being made that the market is only responsible for bad things, not for good. A theological critique of the effect of the absence of a market economy would be a welcome change.

There is some weight, nevertheless, in the observation made by a member of the Archbishop's group yesterday, that a free market in housing had yet to prove that it could meet the needs of some sections of the population. The report identifies this section as

among those who have not shared in the benefits of the regeneration of the inner cities, but notes that there is no single cause for the disarming arrival in London and other major cities of what have been called "cardboard cities." But in urging that the Government should give more attention to the provision of rented housing it is pushing at an open door.

Where the most vulnerable sections of the population are concerned, market forces cannot be left to cope on their own — but the Government does not think so either, otherwise there would be no such things as income support and housing benefit. The policy choice here is between subsidizing the provider of housing or subsidizing the consumer, the supply side or the demand side. The Government has chosen to emphasize the latter. Churchmen may legitimately draw attention to the fact that it has not so far had the desired effect, but there really is no other theological point to be made about that choice.

When the Church is on its own ground, it is a much happier story. The *Faith in the City* report led to the launch of the Church Urban Fund, by which means the Church of England set about its very own "transfer of resources" from the congregations of wealthier parishes to those in run-down inner city areas. It is a great success. Some £5 million of church money has already reached its target, and in co-operation with local industry, other churches, and local or national government, the total value of projects under the Urban Fund umbrella now exceeds £26 million. By that commitment the Church of England has transformed itself over five years from an outside spectator of the problems of the inner city to an inside partner in treating them. As a result it has learnt to become a little more tentative about political and economic causes and effects.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tender trap for TV franchises

From the Chairman of Granada Television
Sir, The Government, in its approach to the Broadcasting Bill, appears to regard the tendering for television franchises as a process in which the tender will be dealt with separately from the assessment of the merits of a particular application and the eligibility of the applicant. It seems that those who satisfy the Independent Television Commission that their programme plans are of acceptable standards, and who do not fall foul of the restrictions on cross-media ownership, nationality, etc., will be considered to have passed the "quality threshold" and invited to submit a sealed tender for the franchise. When the tender envelopes are opened the highest will win — other than in "exceptional" (and undefined) circumstances.

Such a procedure assumes that all the applicants who pass the "quality hurdle" will do so at the same height. In practice, that is unlikely. Some, with programme plans of only limited attraction (but good enough to pass muster) will brush against the top of the fence. Others, whose portfolio is of an altogether more imaginative and ambitious kind, will soar over it in thoroughbred style by a comfortable margin.

Under the Government's proposed system, however, those applicants offering the least satisfactory programmes will in practice stand a better chance of winning the franchise than those with the bright ideas and the stronger sense of commitment, for the less money that an applicant chooses to commit to programming, the more he will have available to offer the Executive as a tender. Applicants who opt to spend a higher proportion of their revenue on the television service will be seriously disadvantaged when they come to fix the size of their bid.

This procedure will have exactly the opposite effect to the Government's declared intention of putting the viewer's interests at the centre of the legislation. Money alone does not ensure good programming; but lack of it inevitably leads ultimately to a decline in quality.

The tendering proposals give rise to another anomaly. The ITC has to satisfy itself not only that applicants are in a position to fulfil their creative and financial

Cleaning up the Camden scene

From the Editor of the *Hampstead and Highgate Express*
Sir, It is good of the leader of Camden Council (January 26) to respond to Tom Bower's article (Spectrum, January 22) on the parlous state of refuse collection and street cleaning in the borough since the responsibility for this was contracted to the council's own workforce last August. We have regularly reported the horrendous situation since that date, yet Mr Dykes has singularly failed to respond in our columns.

The current position is far worse than Mr Dykes pretends. A letter written to an elected councillor on January 18 by the client manager of the waste-management contracts declares categorically that the defect figures for October, November, and December are likely to produce penalty figures on the contracts higher than those for the first two months when, as all Camden residents know, chaos reigned.

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The evidence is there in the streets of Camden for everyone to see, except, it seems, Mr Dykes, whose council is now under such pressure from a weekly catalogue of complaints on many fronts that it has taken the Orwellian route of restricting my staff in carrying out their duties by forbidding them to talk to senior officers, to whom we have always had access.

Yours sincerely,
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178-189 Finchley Road, NW3.
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From Councillor P. Dimoldenberg
Sir, Alex Segal, of Westminster City Council, expresses (January 26) his sympathy with the General Manager of Cory Onyx, who, he says, "wasted time and money in preparing a wholly abortive tender for Camden's cleansing services".

The experience of private refuse contractors when Westminster City Council privatised its refuse-collection service in 1989 is totally different. Westminster received only one tender from the private sector — from a company formed by three of its senior cleaning staff. Clearly, other private refuse contractors had their own reasons for not wasting their time and money in preparing tenders.

Councillor Segal has never been able to give a satisfactory reason as to why only one private-sector company put in a tender for Westminster's £12 million a year refuse collection service. Perhaps the general manager of Cory Onyx can explain why his company did not take the opportunity to submit a tender.

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One of the boys looked at the first print on the wall and said: "He (Hockney) would never get his A levels on that".

A print of one of the graphics exhibited in this exhibition recently sold for £17,500.

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Anyone who has been incapacitated by illness or injury, a stroke or by a congenital handicap, usually has cause to be thankful for occupational therapists. The disability may be permanent or temporary, and the problem a physical or a mental one. An occupational therapist uses activities of various kinds to help the patient cope with everyday life, whether at work, in the home or socially, and to achieve the maximum possible independence.

"Our work is about enabling people to do things for themselves," says Shirley Bailey, a community occupational therapist employed by the Greenwich Health Authority, in south-east London.

The therapist finds out what the patient's limits are, and then works with him or her to find a solution. Problems can be of many kinds. They include returning to work after an accident; taking a bath when normally confined to a wheelchair; preparing meals one-handed; trying to kick an addiction to tranquilizers; looking after oneself when mentally handicapped.

Occupational therapists are mostly employed by the National Health Service and by the social services departments of local authorities.

Others work in schools, or as volunteers, and in private practice. They are members of a team which can include social workers,

Joan Venner talks to occupational therapists about the rewards of helping patients lead independent lives

other therapists, doctors and nurses.

Kay East, a district occupational therapist, says there are five occupational therapy units at Greenwich. She manages the district service and its budget. Two teams provide a service in physical rehabilitation, and separate teams work in mental health and mental handicap over a number of areas. There is also a community unit and a research post, giving an occupational therapist the chance to work for a year in a doctor's surgery.

Alison Whetton has been qualified for two and a half years. Now in a senior post in Greenwich, she works four days a week in acute care medicine and spends one day with the paediatric team in the community at a school for physically handicapped children.

On the medical side, her job involves assessments of patients to find out if they are capable of coping on returning home. She not only assesses their ability to perform daily activities but also assesses their psychological state, to see whether they are depressed, anxious or have a poor insight into their own abilities.

With stroke patients an important step is to enable them to be mobile. They are taught to move from a chair to another

surface, using the whole body in the most normal way possible, and how to dress using affected limbs.

Many of the children at the school Whetton visits suffer from cerebral palsy. Some have poor head control, two are unable to communicate normally. Working closely with a physiotherapist, a speech therapist and care atten-

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"We are aiming for them to become aware of how they are viewing their lives," Whetton says. "How do they see their futures once they leave school, with the disabilities they possess?"

The Independent Commission looking into the future of occupa-

tional therapy as a career, chaired by Louis Blom-Cooper, made a case for a shift in emphasis away from hospital towards therapists working with patients at home and in the workplace.

Shirley Bailey, now at Greenwich, was manager of Physical Handicap Services in the social services department of a London borough for almost 10 years.

"We involved disabled people in planning and in setting up information services. We encouraged them to go around the area, together with an occupational therapist or a helper, to map out routes and suggest changes that should be made in the way of lowering kerbs or easing access to buildings," Bailey says.

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Now, Bailey is assessing people at home, seeing what can be done to improve their quality of life. If arthritis or multiple sclerosis progresses quickly, simple tasks become difficult. A different chair can help or perhaps a gadget to open jars. Grab rails can be put up in the bathroom and bath seats provided. Social services can be consulted about alterations to the house.

The commission has also recommended that, to meet the growing demand for services, there should be an increase of 80 per cent in the number of occupational therapists by the end of the decade.

The traditional method of training occupational therapists has been by means of a three-year diploma course. Candidates need five good GCSEs, two of which should be at A/AS level. GCSEs must include English language, a science and at least two other academic subjects.

In Scotland candidates need six SCE subjects, three at higher grade. Today there are also a few degree courses, two accelerated courses for graduates and five-year in-service courses for those already employed as assistants. All schools expect applicants to have visited departments which treat physical disabilities and psychiatric illness.

Further details from the College of Occupational Therapy, 6-8 Marshalsea Road, London SE1 1HL



On the move: occupational therapist Alison Whetton assists a patient

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Further particulars from the Secretary to the University, Personnel Office, University of Edinburgh, 63 South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1LS with whom applications (giving names of at least two referees) should be lodged by 3rd March 1990. Please quote reference number 66/88.

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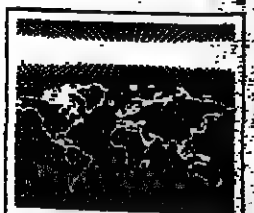
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Sheridan Mokey

ROCK
Tony Patrick

**Booker T & the MGs
Town & Country**

They played two London shows at the end of a European visit organized for an appearance at

The hands-off songs they played a open the show made many a old fan very happy, while eventually rousing the crowd to something like the frenzy of a Sixties rock club. "Green Onions" was followed by the meditative "Melting Pot" and a very smoothy controlled "Summer-time," his was almost exactly as on that old album — was that *Hip Hug Ho or Doim 'Our Thing!* — with Copper's solo a miracle of subtle one-bending single-string work. Jucker T.'s playing, now readily piercing, now a mellow wash of sound, was as intimately understated yet insistent as ever. "Time is Tight" and "Hang 'Em High" took the tempo and the excitement to a peak, from which Eddie Foyd, who then appeared, urged to sing "Rose Your Hand," "634-5789," "Stand By Me," "Chain Gang" and finally his own "Knock On Wood," effortlessly brought things own. His undisциплиned (occasionally flat) cabaret delivery withdrew the restraint and good taste of the "locking musicians" into a barrier relief. Next time, the MGs should a least double their own set, add the Memphis Horns and if they have to bring along a singer, should impose strict quality control.

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The show of his life

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THEATRE

LONDON

BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russell's sentimental musical separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother. **Albion Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2** (01-887 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, and Sat 4.7pm, 28.90-18.50. (D)

DIVISIONS AND DELIGHTS: Oscar Wilde looks back on his life in Donald Sinden's one-man show. Limited season. **Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave, WC2** (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-215. (D)

HARD TIMES: Dickens's Cockney novel effectively adapted by Stephen Jeffreys and staged by Robin Herford for the London Shakespeare Group. **Warehouse Theatre, Dingle Rd, Croydon (BR)** (01-880 4060). Train: East Croydon (BR). Opens tonight 8pm then Tues-Sat 8pm; mat Sun 5pm, 24.50-25.50. Thurs (bargain night, 22.75).

JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole gives his best and funniest performance in years as the well-known man-about-town locked into his favourite pub overnight and meeting figures from his past. **Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1** (01-437 8833). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, Sun mat 5.30pm, 25-215. (D)

LONDON ASSASSINATING: Paul Eddington an amusingly absurd, with Angela Thorne in otherwise so-so production from Chichester. **Theatre Royal, Haymarket SW1** (01-830 8821). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm, 24.50-25.50. Thurs (bargain night, 22.75).

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM: August Wilson's play about black musicians being ripped off in 1927 Chicago transfers from the National Theatre for a two-week season. **Haymarket Theatre, 291 Mar St, E8** (01-852 4424). Train: Highbury Central (BR). Opens tonight 7.30pm, then tomorrow-Fri and Sat 7.30pm, 27-10. (D)

ST MARK'S GOSPEL: Alec McCowen returns with his moving and remarkable memory-feat, speaking the entire gospel. **Reel Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1** (01-780 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Preview tonight 7.30pm, opens tomorrow 7.30pm, then Tues-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sun 2.30pm, Thurs and Sun mat 2.50pm, Fri and Sat 2.50pm.

A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: Transfer of hit show from the King's Head that catches the sound and feeling of a night out in 1964; clever songs by the Heather Brothers. **Arts Theatre, Great Newport St, WC2** (01-838 2132). Tube: Leicester Square.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- (3) Nothing Compares 2 U Sinead O'Connor, Ensign
- (1) Tears On My Pillow Kylie Minogue, PWL
- (2) Get Up Technomatic, Swanward
- (5) Got to Have Your Love Mantronix, Capitol
- (4) Touch Me 49ers, Four & Broadway
- (6) Could Have Told You So Halo James, Epic
- (7) Hangin' Tough New Kids on the Block, CBS
- (8) You Make Me Feel Jimmy Somerville, London
- (22) Happenin' All Over Again Lonnie Gordon, Supreme
- (10) I Wish It Would Rain Down Phil Collins, Virgin

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (2) ... But Seriously Phil Collins, Virgin
- (1) Colour Christians, Island
- (3) Hangin' Tough New Kids on the Block, CBS
- (4) The Very Best of Cat Stevens Cat Stevens, Island
- (7) Journeyman Eric Clapton, Reprise/Duck
- (8) Jeune Lisa Stansfield, Arista
- (10) The Road to Hell Chris Rea, WEA
- (6) Enjoy Yourself Phil Collins, PWL
- (5) Foreign Affairs The Turner, Warner
- (12) The Best of Rod Stewart Rod Stewart, Warner Brothers

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OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ★ *Naked: Pirandello's* wry play about a woman (Valerie Gogan) who tries in vain to become a romantic heroine. **Haymarket Theatre, Dingle Rd, Croydon (BR)** (01-880 4060). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, 25.

WARWICK: ★ *The Comedy of Errors: English Shakespeare Company's* first production since its record-breaking tour of *The Wars of the Roses*. New theatre tour starts here. **Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (CV4 7AF)** (01-454 7417), tonight 7.30pm, 27-28.

FILMS

★ **Also on national release**
★ **Advance booking possible**
★ **ALL REVEREND ENFANTS (PG):** Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War. **Gaiety Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1** (01-437 8833). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, Sun mat 5.30pm, 25-215. (D)

★ **BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG):** Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd zip to-and-fro through the time spectrum (directed as before by Robert Zemeckis) (128 min). **Empire (01-437 1264)**. Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

★ **CASUALTIES OF WAR (15):** American atrocities in Vietnam, viewed with more thought than usual by director Brian De Palma; with Michael J. Fox as the soldier standing apart from the brutal action of Sean Penn (114 min). **Odéon Kensington (01-602 0544)**. Progs 12.40, 3.20, 5.00, 8.40.

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Brooklyn-born Barry Manilow begins a UK tour at the London Palladium

(0273 202881); Feb 23, 24 & 25, BIC, Bournemouth (0202 27297); Feb 27 & 28 Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); March 2 Blackpool Opera House (0253 27786).

Canon Pavilion St (01-630 0631). Progs 1.45, 4.20, 7.05, 9.45. Screen on Great Street (01-835 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.40, 8.30.

★ **WHEN HARRY MET MALLY (15):** Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other (95 min). **Camden Parkway (01-267 7034)**. Progs (Sun) 3.30, 5.45, 8.30, 10.30, 7.45. **Canon Chelsea (01-352 5098)**. Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45. **Odéon Kensington (01-602 0544)**. Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. **Odéon Kensington (01-602 0544)**. Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. **Odéon Kensington (01-602 0544)**. Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

★ **DINNER DIVERTIMENTO:** Among the best of the series. **Clarinete Quartet play U.S. Divertimento and Gershwin's Preludes.** **St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2** (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.

★ **FOUR-HAND FANTASIA:** At one piano, John Gough and Sally Ann Bottemy perform Schubert's Fantasia D 940, Paul Koff's Suite and some of Dvořák's Slavonic Dances. **Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2** (01-247 6844). 1.05-1.50pm, 22.50.

★ **TOMPOUS TUNES:** Julia Tompkins from Geneva offers Debussy's *Pour le Piano*, Liszt's *Un Sospiro* and three fragments and Gershwin's Preludes. **St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2** (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.

London ECA (01-248 6054). 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

★ **ASHKENAZY/RICO:** The RPO is conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy in Beethoven's *Leopold No 3* Overture, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (Joshua Bell, soloist) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. **Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1** (01-828 8800). 7.30-9.30pm, 24.50-220.

★ **ALL MAHLER:** Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Mahler's huge Symphony No 5. **Town Hall, Birmingham** (021-236 3888). 7.30-9.15pm, 23.65-213.

★ **SUE BY SUIC:** Josef Suk leads his trio through the *Edge* by his grandfather Josef Suk, the Piano Trio Op 65 by his grandfather Antonín Dvořák and the Trio Op 15 by the unrelated Bedřich Smetana. **Wigmore Hall, 38 Wigmore St, London W1** (01-835 2141). 7.30pm, 24.50-29.

★ **MORE DVOŘÁK:** The Dvořák String Quartet presents Dvořák's *Cypresses* and *Quartet Op 95*. **The American Ingrid Amon (soprano) sings the Biblical Songs, Elizabeth McCormack (mezzo soprano) joins in for the Moravian Dances.** **St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1** (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, 24-210.

★ **TROUT AND SHEPHERD:** Ross Pople conducts the London Festival Orchestra in Schubert's *Trautlitz* and *Shepherd's Song*. **Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London** (01-828 8800). 7.45pm, 24.50-29.50.

JAZZ

★ **KENNY WHEELER:** Celebrating his 60th birthday, the trumpeter leads a big band built around the nucleus of his

quintet, featuring bassist Dave Holland. **The Playhouse, Barrs Bridge Rd, Newcastle** (0191 272 7078). 7.30pm, 27.50.

★ **FLORA PURIM & ARTIST:** Second week from the London double act. The support slot this week is occupied by the fashionable young Coletrane-ist Steve Williamson. **Roxy Theatre, 47 Fins St, London W1** (01-438 0747). 9.30pm, 210 (members 22). To Feb 10.

ROCK

★ **TACHHEAD:** Also known variously as the Tachhead Sound System and the On-U Sound System, Adrian Sherwood's post-hip hop collective was memorably described as the world's only "heavy funk/metal/rock-cum-dub band" when it made its mark with last year's hyper-hard *Friendly as a Hand*. **National, 234 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6** (01-328 3141). 7.30pm, 27.

★ **THE PENGUIN CAFE ORCHESTRA:** Rare sighting of the acoustic ensemble led by Simon Jeffers. **Electric Cinema, Portobello Rd, London W11** (01-782 2020). 7.30pm, 210.

★ **THE PSYCHEDELIC FUR:** Last November's dense, gothic *Book of Days* was a difficult, thoughtful and anatomically satisfying album, which has done the band few favours commercially. **Austria, 333 Roundway Rd, Leeds LS2** (0438 621). 7.30pm, 27.50.

★ **LA FILE MA GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy for the Royal Ballet, with the display dances from *Laurencia* with Laurent Haigne as guest. **Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2** (01-240 1068). 7.30pm, 21-241.

DANCE

★ **DOUBLES:** Premiere by Rambert Dance Company of Cunningham's work.

Birmingham Rep, Broad St, Birmingham (021 236 4455). 7.30pm, 24.50-29.

★ **CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS:** Ballet du Nord from Roubaix, France, gives this with *Peter and the Wolf* on a programme for children. **Dargate Theatre, Gallowhill Rd, Southampton** (0824 24511). 7.30pm, 25-210.

OPERA

★ **MOZART AND SALIERI:** See picture, below. **Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1** (01-828 8800). tomorrow 7.30-10.15pm, 25-215.

GALLERIES

★ **IT'S A STILL LIFE:** Still life paintings in British art since 1882, with many major artists represented, selected from the Arts Council's collection. **Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1** (01-828 8800). daily 10am-10pm, free, until March 4.

★ **HUGH BUCHANAN:** Study architectural watercolours inspired by buildings and views from Edinburgh to Vienna. **Francis Kyle Gallery, 8 Maddox St, London W1** (01-489 8870). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until March 1.

★ **AFTER DARK/WARD 0857:** Abstract paintings by Madeleine Strindberg who was artist-in-residence at the National Gallery in 1988. **Hay Valley Gallery, Sunderland Polytechnic (091 515 2128)**. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, free, until Feb 23.

★ **STONE CIRCLES:** Recent sculptures by Richard Long, current holder of the Turner Prize. **Anthony d'Offley Gallery, 9 Daring St, London W1** (01-489 4100). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Feb 24.

★ **ROBERT MORRIS:** Sculptures from 1962-1980 by the American Pop and Conceptual artist for whom the idea behind art was more important than the art object itself. **Rankin-Hill-Williams, 8/8 Old Bond St, London W1** (01-435 7017). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 10.

★ **SINGULAR VISIONS:** Works in various media by five artists, including painters Michael Porter and Chris Le Brun, whose starting point is landscape. **Pomeroy Purdy Gallery, Jacob Street, London WC1** (01-435 7017). Sat 11am-4pm, free, until Feb 23.

★ **THE WORK OF ANGELS:** Masterpieces of Celtic metalwork 6-9 centuries AD, including church vessels, brooches and reliquaries. **British Museum, Great Russell St, London WC1** (01-636 1555). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free.

★ **THE PINK PANTHER:** Book for The School for Scandal by John Hervey and Prunella Scales. **Experience/Soho Play Theatre Co in Abington Square, Racine's tragedy** *Berenice* translated by Neil Bartlett, and Tony Harrison's *The Traces of Oxyrhynchus*. Also in rep *Tarantula*, *Racing Demon*, *Pearl Gyn*, *Sunday in the Park with George*. March 26-May 19, **Arts Theatre, Great Newport St, London WC2** (01-838 2132).

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10am-5pm, Sat 2.30-5.30pm, 22, until April 23.

★ **ART IN THE MAKING:** A didactic exhibition demonstrating the techniques and studio practices of 14th-century Italian artists. **Tratigat Sq, London WC2** (01-838 3321). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Feb 23.

OTHER EVENTS

★ **YES PLAY ONE:** The centre's short celebration of Japanese arts, an exhibition of black and white photographs by Jiro and Shiro, taken on a street autumn tour of Japan. **The Oldhall Arts Centre, 88 High St, Barnet, Herts** (01-493 0048). Until Feb 17. Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, free, Sun 10.30am-5.30pm, free.

★ **SALE OF FINE DOLLS, TEDDY BEARS, TINPLATE, AUTOMATA, TOYS, EUROPEAN CUSTOMERS AND TEXTILES:** Highlights of the sale include rare dolls, a George III wooden dollhouse with superb miniature furnishings, including a silver toilet rack, napkins, candlesticks and an embroidered tea caddy. **Shirley Todd, 34 and 35 New Bond St, London W1** (01-493 8808). Tomorrow 10.30am-5.30pm, free.

★ **POETRY READING:** A joint reading from two notable Australian poets, Wallace Lindsay and John Hawkes. **Postcard and Chris, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1**. Tomorrow 7.30pm. Adult £2.50, student £1.50, from box office 01-821 0909.

★ **TALKS**
★ **THE LIONEL ROBBINS MEMORIAL LECTURE:** Professor Lionel Robbins discusses "Governance and Growth". **London School of Economics and Political Science, 25 Bedford Way, London WC2** (01-405 7636). Tonight, tomorrow, 5.30pm, free.

★ **WALKS**
★ **THE REAL LONDON EASTENDERS - THE OLD JEWISH QUARTER:** Meet Adele tube, 11am, 25.00 (01-688 4019).

★ **THE JACK THE RIPPER MURDER TRAIL:** Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, 23.50 (01-688 4019).

★ **INNS OF COURT AND ROYAL COURTS:** Meet Temple tube, 2.30pm, 23.50 (01-837 4281).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

★ **NATIONAL THEATRE:** Booking for The School for Scandal by John Hervey and Prunella Scales. **Experience/Soho Play Theatre Co in Abington Square, Racine's tragedy** *Berenice* translated by Neil Bartlett, and Tony Harrison's *The Traces of Oxyrhynchus*. Also in rep *Tarantula*, *Racing Demon*, *Pearl Gyn*, *Sunday in the Park*

TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
and Gillian MaxeyThe killing
fields of
Brazil

TELEVISION CHOICE

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● In Viewpoint 90: Killing for Land (ITV, 10.35pm), Adrian Cowell reports on the land disputes in Brazil which have claimed the lives of hundreds of people. According to Amnesty International (but denied by the Brazilian government) the tally is more than 1,000 deaths in the past 10 years, with only three cases successfully brought to trial. The background is the enormous gulch between the haves and the have-nots. On the one hand, half of Brazil's arable land is owned by 1 per cent of its landowners. On the other, the country has some 10



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million landless poor who are desperate to scratch a living and know that if they occupy land for more than a year they become legally entitled to it. Cowell, whose previous documentaries have included graphic accounts of the destruction of the Brazilian rainforests, followed two land disputes, taking his camera crew to the very frontlines and recording events as they happened. Since the two episodes produced five murders, he was rewarded, if that is the word, with some harrowing footage. One of the victims was a three-year-old boy, the son of a squatter leader who was himself later killed. Another was a state deputy who had defended the rights of the squatters. In last month's general election, the Left put forward proposals for land reform, but the conservative vote prevailed. Unless the condition of the rural poor improves the killings seem set to continue.

● The misleadingly titled Ordinary People (Channel 4, 8.00pm) is a six-part survey of the feminist movement which promises "to take a provocative look behind the stereotypes". The series is arranged under themes—education, law, work, politics and the arts—and the participants are 15 women from across the political spectrum, among them the broadcaster Beverly Anderson, the Conservative MP Emma Nicholson and the television writer Jill Hyem. To what the appetite, tonight's opening programme is an anthology of sayings about women, most of them by men and many insulting. "To embrace a woman," wrote Odo of Cluny—late 12th century, "is to embrace a sack of manure". There is much more in similar vein, from people such as Aristotle, Rousseau, Freud) with the intelligence to know better. All of which gets the series off to a lively and pugnacious start but it will need to do more than simply open up old wounds.

BBC

8.30 Breakfast News and Commonwealth Games. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the overnight action from Auckland, including Harry Carpenter with the latest results of the boxing semifinals. Plus regular news headlines, business and financial reports, regional news, weather and travel information.

9.30 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.

10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r).

10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Pegg, begins with Playdays, presented by Dave Benson Phillips and Sue Morris (10.30) Roobarb (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Anna Carteret with a reading.

11.00 News and weather followed by Highlights of the Games in Auckland, featuring boxing, judo and bowls. Includes news and weather at 12.00, 12.30 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.

1.30 Neighbours. With the big day approaching, Mrs Mangel holds a hen party, but Joe Mangel's attempt to arrange a stag night for John Worthington doesn't go as planned. Meanwhile, Mike is one of his students is the victim of violence at home. (Ceefax)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly hosts another round of the European general knowledge quiz.

2.15 Film: Vigil in the Night (1940, b/w) starring Carole Lombard and Ann Shirley. When a child dies through negligence, her mother, working at the same hospital, takes the blame. Directed by George Stevens.

3.50 Green Gables, with Nick Mercer and Stella Goodier. 4.05 Holkey Holt (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Lynda Bellingham with part two of Judy Corbally's *Oliver and the Ice-Pick*.

4.20 New York Beat Show. 5.30 Knowhow. Beverly Wood and Mark Slater investigate how acid gets into rain.

6.00 News. 6.50 Grange Hill. Episode nine of the 20-part series. (Ceefax)

6.25 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

6.50 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather.

6.55 Newsroom South East presented by Guy Michellmore.

7.00 Holiday 90. Special guest Lorraine Chase explores the easy life on two Greek islands, Ithaca and Cephalonia, while Anna Gregg reports on a non-stop fly-drive tour of California and Kathy Taylor visits the city of Lisbon. (Ceefax)

7.30 Centurion. Ficky takes driving lessons in court after knocking down Pauline, and looks to Pat for moral support, while Wicky is desperate to see Cindy without Sharon knowing and Kathy receives an expensive present from Laurie. (Ceefax)

8.00 Commonwealth Games Today. Desmond Lynam presents highlights of today's action, including the last of the swimming and diving finals, and boxing semi-finals. Plus the latest news and results in badminton, bowls, judo and shooting.

8.50 Nine O'Clock News with Martin Lawler. Regional news and weather.

9.30 A Sense of Guilt. Felix's and Sally's passionate affair reaches crisis point when Sally thinks she's pregnant and has to tell Felix, who is unable to have children. Emotionally drained and confused, she turns to her mother for support. Starring Trevor Eve, Rudi Davies, Morag Hood and Lisa Harker. (Ceefax)

10.30 Film: 10 with Barry Norman. Barry reviews *Far North*, starring Jessica Lange as a woman who returns to her birthplace in an attempt to heal old wounds with her father and Tom Brook talks to Danny DeVito, director of the black comedy *War of the Roses*, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

10.50 Cagney and Lacey. *Let Them Eat Pretzels*. Chris and Mary Beth try to discover an Arab diplomat. (r). Followed by Weather.

11.40 Commonwealth Games. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the games in Auckland, including: 12.00 badminton quarter-finals and 1.00am the men's bowls singles final. Plus the latest action and results in shooting, cycling and judo.

BBC 2

6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 8.00 and 8.30. After News includes news of trends in knitwear and a behind-the-scenes look at how presenter Kathy Taylor was transformed into a cover girl.

8.55 Lucky Ladders. Word game show. 9.55 Thames News and weather. 10.00 The Time... The Place... Mike Scott is in the chair for another topical discussion.

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's special guest is Janie Goober, founder of the underwear chain Knix.

There are also items on aircraft, family finance and David Bellamy examining hedgerows and heathland. National and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather.

12.10 Road, Jane and Freddy. For the young 12-30 Home and Away. Early evening of Lorraine Kelly's relationship with Martin.

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather. 1.30 Thames News and weather. 1.50 Santa Barbara.

Peter demands to see Kelly threatening to kill his hostages if she doesn't appear.

2.00 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond reports on the weekend's most popular programmes on ITV and Channel 4 are put together.

2.30 Take the High Road. An evening out for some of Glamorgan's inhabitants doesn't turn out quite as anticipated.

3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. The first of a new panel game series presented by Danny Baker. Today's guests are Annabel Croft, Ulrika Jonsson, Eryn Hughes and David Jensen.

3.25 Thames News and weather. 3.50 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama.

4.00 Fraggie Rock. 4.15 Bugs Bunny in Lumber Jack Rabbit. 4.20 T-Sag and the Pearls of Wisdom starring George Hala. 4.40 Count Duckula.

5.10 Blockbusters. 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather. 6.00 Home and Away (r).

6.25 Thames News and weather followed by *Neighbours*.

6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spredy with advice for women on breast cancer screening.

7.00 *Emmerdale*. Joe has something to tell Rachel, but she has news of her own which is far more dramatic.

7.30 Thames Reports investigates the level of commitment of local authorities, the waste industry, the media and the Government's "Green" Bill, towards effective re-cycling of waste.

8.00 The Bill. Addresses. While on patrol one night, Crier and Martelli corner a woman suspected of stealing the streets in search of a private house in which to stay. Trying to be of assistance proves difficult when none of the woman's friends wants anything to do with her. (Ceefax)

8.30 After Henry starring Prunella Scales and Joan Sanderson. Sarah is worried that her inquisitive mother has been opening her mail. She mentions the problem to her boss, Russell, who comes up with a way of putting Eleanor to the test.

9.00 Making News. Conspiracy. Lucy Trent of the News Channel films a report from the scene of a murder. (Ceefax)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather. 10.30 Thames News and weather.

10.35 Viewpoint 90: Killing for Land (see Choice).

11.30 Sports Figure Skating. Championships from Longbridge.

12.30am Film: The Monster Club (1980) starring Vincent Price, Donald Pleasence and John Carradine. A horror writer meets the vampire Erasmus, who takes him to the Monster Club where his ghoulish friends tell three gory tales. Directed by Roy Ward Baker.

2.30 News headlines followed by Donald and Ann on *Why some men do not talk to their wives*.

3.30 Quiz Night. 4.00 News headlines followed by Entertainment UK. A weekly guide to films, plays, concerts and other arts events taking place around the country.

5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Morris. Ends at 6.00.

BBC 2

6.15 Westminster 6.00 Ceefax. 6.25 Ceefax on Two Ceefax for beginners 6.40 Different types of bread 10.00 Science for the young 10.15 Learning to read 10.40 Four out of the design bridges.

11.00 Brass Instruments 11.15 Arguing 11.35 Science challenge 11.55 Tutorial topics 12.15 How atoms become molecules 12.35 The history of the Black Country.

12.55 Italian for beginners. 1.30 Pigeon Street. 1.40 The call of the sea.

2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the very young.

2.15 Sign Edges. A group of British holiday-makers in Bandon. Adapted for the hard-of-hearing. (r) 2.40 Arthur Negus Enjoys Weston Park (r).

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Includes Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Catchword presented by Paul Cole. 4.30 *Children's* series with Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman.

4.35 Advice Shop. Includes a report on accidents, bullying and crime in school playgrounds.

5.25 First Time Planting. Geoff Hamilton and Gary Search with more advice and hints for plant lovers. (Ceefax)

5.50 Commonwealth Games. Live coverage of the women's marathon. Taking *Emmerdale* A Criminal Week. A look at David Tennant highlights the cases of three young men, all suffering from forms of schizophrenia, two of whom have been charged with murders.

6.30 Food and drink. The ways of avoiding food poisoning in the kitchen.

6.00 Hit and Run. In Ruby Wax's last column, she looks at the way Manchester to appear on BBC1's viewers' complaints programme.

Open Air, which leads her to track down one of her callers in Glasgow.

9.30 The Sea. A look at the French, Russians, Poles, Irish and Asians who have made Brick Lane their home.

10.15 Soviet Spies. Sight. Tonight's programme looks at glass.

10.30 Newswatch. 11.15 The Late Show. Michael Ignatieff reports on the search for the perfect society. 11.30 *Neighbours*.

12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.30am.

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Menzies pays for toying with US

Learning early is all very well, but John Menzies will need to learn fast if it is to survive in the fiercely competitive US market for educational toys and games. The lesson may be, however, that it is never wrong to cut a loss.

Chairman Mr John Menzies' attempt to repeat the group's near-phenomenal UK success with the Early Learning Centres concept in the US, has misfired badly, and holds out little early promise of repaying the boardroom's faith. Early hopes of breakthrough into profits this year have evaporated in the face of a £3.2 million loss at half-year, and there is no prospect of a profit in the second half.

The more charitable view is that the venture was more ill-timed than ill-judged. No sooner had ELC established a significant presence than America's shopping malls began to empty. And after all, Menzies is not the only UK retailer to have come unstuck in the US recently.

The Menzies board rightly regards this performance as unacceptable, but would have us believe that it sees nothing wrong with its strategy, products or management, and that no material improvement can be expected until there is a revival in US consumer spending.

More likely however is that it will find a home-based partner, or even a buyer, for its

US operations, maybe even before the April year-end.

Meanwhile, every extra penny spent on toy shops, however sophisticated, dilutes the group's traditional defensive qualities. Without some enterprising solution to the US problem then, growth will be a long time resuming.

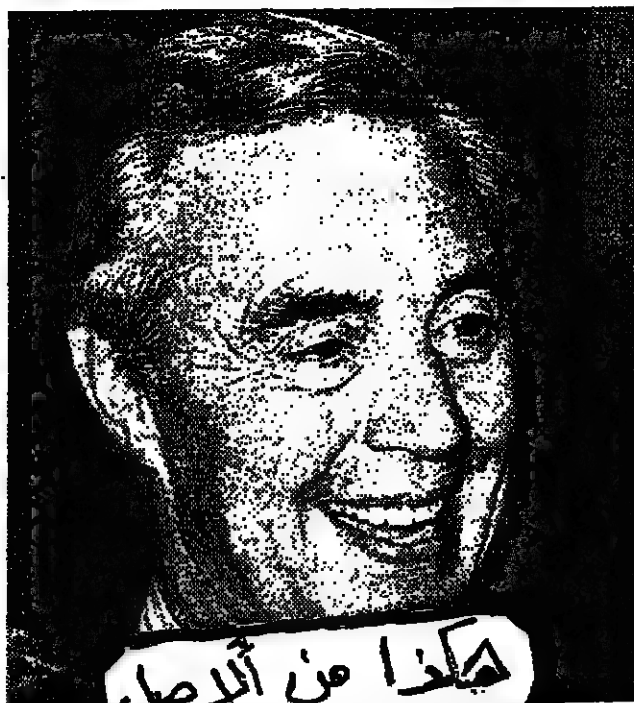
While ELC continues to enjoy 20 per cent-plus growth in the UK, results are flat at the traditional Menzies stores, although this was partly due to the crippling rail strike last summer, which wiped out £100,000 of profits a day.

Despite a good Christmas, Menzies, weighed down by some £4 million of US losses, will do well to match last year's £28.1 million, leaving the shares, down 17p at 316p, on a p/c multiple of 11.3.

If Menzies bites the bullet in the US, the shares could bounce back. If not, they may have further to fall.

Kelt Energy

Kelt Energy's share price — down from 68p last year to 27p — appears to be giving off danger signals. Yet so far as the company is concerned, everything looks rosy. A credibility gap of some proportions has appeared between the City and Mr Hubert Perrodo, the chairman, who owns 75 per cent of Kelt. The arrival of a city man, Mr Jock



John Menzies, Chairman of Early Learning Centres, has misfired his attempt to repeat the group's near-phenomenal UK success with the Early Learning Centres concept in the US.

Green-Armstrong, from Rothchild via Guthrie Corporation, may well prove to be exceptionally timely. He is to be joint chairman and sole chief executive.

The share price reflects concern over Kelt's financial position, a matter hardly touched upon in Mr Perrodo's statement accompanying the brief interim profit and loss account. He says only that the disposals of the downstream assets of the Carless group, taken over in a hostile 1988 battle, were successful and

enabled Kelt substantially to reduce its debt.

The profit and loss account shows an operating profit of £1.8 million before net interest charges of £2.86 million giving a pretax loss of £1.05 million. A closer look at the notes to the accounts however reveals total interest costs of £16.5 million, some £13.2 million of which is being capitalized. The company is generating nothing like enough to service its debt.

That may to some extent be a function of its exploration

activities. But it raises a questionmark over just how debt repayments will be made this spring to cover £95 million due to American Express, let alone £19.5 million due to the Treasury as a final payment for a stake interest in the Wyth Farm development.

A large scale re-financing is essential before long. Kelt is relaxed about this and has no plans to call on shareholders. They may well be relieved about that, if only on the grounds that Kelt failed to mention it in its interim missive. The shares should be avoided until more detail emerges.

Bullough

Bullough's record throughout the eighties was remarkable, with earnings per share growing at nearly 30 per cent a year for most of the decade. As the balance of its activities gradually shifted from engineering to office furniture, it became an increasing beneficiary of the rise of the white collar worker and moves by companies to improve efficiency by reorganizing their offices.

Last year, however, the gravity train ground to a halt. Pre-tax profits were up 9 per cent at £28.7 million in the 12 months to October and rose by 7 per cent to 15.9p. Had it not been for the impact of Atal, the French office furniture maker, acquired just before the start of the year,

Bullough might not have been able to report any growth at all.

Indeed, Project Bullough's main British furniture subsidiary, actually slipped back a little, and the company expects the current year to be tough. That is bad news given that office furniture now accounts for half its profits. But there are still good reasons to support Bullough's generally optimistic tone about its long-term future.

For a start, it is well-placed to take advantage of the likely legislation over the temperature at which chilled food may be displayed in shops. Supermarkets may have to spend £200 million bringing chill cabinets up to scratch.

On a broader plane, the current difficulties high interest rates are posing for manufacturing industry has a perverse benefit for Bullough. It picked up Atal from a management buyout consortium which ran out of cash, and its latest acquisition, of Besser, Fell, Northfield, the maker of shop fittings, for £6.5 million, has cost £10 million less than Sharp & Law paid for it before the receiver was called in.

Bullough hopes to make the most of such buying opportunities. On profits of £30 million and earnings of 16.4p, the shares at 139p are on a prospective p/e ratio of eight. That is not dear, given Bullough's sustained outperformance in the past.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CBS UK takes stake in Renaissance Films

CBS UK, a subsidiary of Sony, has paid about £350,000 for a 15 per cent stake in Renaissance Films, the vehicle of Mr Kenneth Branagh, the actor and theatre and film director. CBS is now the biggest shareholder in Renaissance, which is jointly administered by Mr Stephen Evans, Mr Branagh's partner.

Mr Paul Russell, the chairman of CBS UK, who is joining the board of Renaissance, said the company is one of the most exciting and enthusiastic to have emerged in British theatre for some time. "He has a lot of talent," Mr Russell said of Mr Branagh. Under the deal, CBS UK's new video division will release *Henry V*, Mr Branagh's latest film, as its first feature film in April. All future Renaissance Films productions will appear on CBS video. Two more film productions are being finalized and will either be directed and/or feature Mr Branagh.

Brandon rises to £578,000 Scaffolder climbs 68%

Brandon Hire, the tool and plant hire company, lifted pre-tax profits by 14.9 per cent to £578,000 in the six months to end-October, on turnover up 39 per cent to £2.77 million. Earnings per share rose from 4.22p to 4.60p, and there is an interim dividend of 1.11p, after none last time. Mr Brian Nathan, the chairman, said he was confident of an acceptable outcome for the year.

Haynes rises to £1.6m

Haynes Publishing Group, the publisher of car and motorcycle manuals, lifted pre-tax profits by 8.6 per cent to £1.66 million in the six months to end-November. Total turnover edged ahead from £7.84 million to £7.99 million. The figures were helped by a strong performance in North America where turnover climbed by 21.4 per cent to £2.56 million, and trading profits advanced by 51.5 per cent to £462,000. This offset a poor performance in Britain, where profits increased from £1.17 million to £1.21 million despite turnover falling from £5.74 million to £5.43 million.

Interim loss for Toothill Yelverton up to £401,000

Uncertainty over safety legislation for foam and fabrics and a harsh trading environment helped push R.J. Toothill into half-time losses of £381,000 (£39,000 profit) for the six months to September. Turnover edged up £156,000 to £2.8 million. There is no interim dividend this time (3.6p) on a loss per share of 52.86p. The shares, subject to a 10-for-one stock split next month, stayed at 665p.

US Tate & Lyle stake

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cane sugar group, has confirmed that an American competitor, Archer Daniels Midland, has taken an undisclosed stake of just under 5 per cent. But a spokesman added: "We are relaxed about this, because it's a trading investment. ADM has 30 per cent of the high fructose corn syrup market in the US, and Tate & Lyle's Staley 25 per cent. There is no possibility of a bid under anti-trust laws."

ADM knew the Staley operation and Mr Neil Shaw, Tate's chairman and chief executive well, he added. The American firm has, however, something of a reputation as an arbitrageur, taking stakes in companies which are subsequently taken over. At the current share price — close to its high over the past year — it is valued at £964 million.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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Milford Docks sold by Seacon

Seacon Holdings, the Third Market shipping and steel importing group based in London's Docklands, is selling the Milford Docks Company, the Welsh harbour operator it has owned since 1987, to the Milford Haven Port Authority for £5.7 million.

The directors propose a special interim dividend of 20p net per ordinary share in respect of the year to end-September 1990 in order to part with the surplus from the sale.

This dividend is expected to be paid shortly after Seacon's 1990 annual meeting, together with any final dividend in the year to end-September 1989. Seacon's shares rose by 15p to 153p.

Inflation up

Consumer prices in the European Community rose by an average 0.3 per cent last month, bringing the year-on-year inflation rate to 5.4 per cent from 4.4 per cent the previous month, reflecting accelerating prices in all member states except Portugal. The EC rate compares with 7.7 per cent in Britain.

Goring falls

Goring Kern, the metal contamination detection company, improved its sales by 14 per cent to £13.5 million in the year to September. Pre-tax profits fell from £3 million to £2.85 million. A final dividend of 10p, on earnings per share of 23.7p (25.4p), brings the total to 15p, the same as last year.

Wilkes offer

James Wilkes, the engineering to promotional products group, has offered to buy Eastbrook Allard & Company, a private company which makes cutting tools under the Presto brand name, for a maximum of £12 million.

Dividend held

Willoughby Consolidated, a Lomro subsidiary, is recommending an unchanged final dividend of 3p per share, making a maintained total of 6p per share despite a sharp fall in pre-tax profits to £2.087 million from £5.2 million.

Mrs Fields agrees US licensing deal

By Gillian Bowditch

Shares in Mrs Fields, the cookie company founded by Mrs Debbie Fields, jumped 10p to 39p when the group announced an exclusive licensing agreement, worth about £2 million, with Marriott Corporation, the hotel and catering group.

Under the agreement, Mrs Fields will license Marriott to produce and sell cookies in at least 60 US stores, owned and

operated by Marriott but using the Mrs Fields logo. Marriott will finance and build the stores and will make an advance payment, as well as paying regular royalties of about 5 per cent of total sales. For every store opened in excess of the initial 60, Marriott will pay an extra payment.

Mr Francis Cash, president of the Marriott Service Group, said: "We are delighted to have the exclusive rights to Mrs Fields' products in North American airports and highway travel plazas. Our leadership position in both those areas is based on giving customers products of the highest quality and Mrs Fields is an excellent fit with our existing brands."

Mr Randall Fields, Mrs Fields' husband and business partner, said: "In this way, our brand name will receive additional exposure, and the agreement will provide a significant income stream to Mrs Fields."

Wilton buys 14.3% of Cowan de Groot

By Jeremy Andrews

Wilton Group, the restoration stone mason and property investor traded on the Third Market, has bought a 14.3 per cent stake in Cowan de Groot, the toy and electrical goods wholesaler chaired by Mr Jonathan Samuelson.

Wilton said it believed it had also agreed to buy a 10.5 per cent stake in Cowan from Mr Samuelson and intends to ask for board representation.

But Wilton added that Mr Samuelson had since denied that he had agreed to sell the shares belonging to his family settlement. Wilton has started legal proceedings against Mr Samuelson and said these are being defended. Cowan referred all inquiries to Timmuss, Sainer & Webb, the solicitor, which did not comment.

The stake which Wilton did manage to acquire came from Coast Investment & Development, a vehicle of Gulf investors. Wilton paid 60p a share

Tace cuts payout in final half

By Jeremy Andrews

Pre-tax profits at Tace, the pollution monitoring and metal detection equipment maker, fell £600,000 in the second half of last year.

So despite a rise in the first half, the total for the year to September fell by 13 per cent to £3.17 million on turnover 27 per cent up at £34.3 million.

The setback to profits occurred despite the £4 million rights issue and acquisitions in August 1988, which only made a full impact last year.

The shares then issued, together with a five-point rise to 34 pence in the tax charge, left earnings per share 38 per cent lower at 10.6p. The final dividend has been cut from 8p to 7.75p, leaving the total unchanged at 11p.

There were extraordinary charges of £439,000 (£518,000) from closures and aborted acquisitions, but a £1 million gain is expected from the sale of its engineering businesses.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

UK takes stake in Renaissance Films

UK takes stake in Renaissance Films. Renaissance Films, a London-based production company, has been acquired by a consortium of British and American investors. The deal, valued at £100 million, marks a significant move in the UK film industry. Renaissance Films has produced several successful films, including 'The Untouchables' and 'The Untouchables Part II'. The new ownership is expected to bring in more American investment and expertise into the UK film market.

Scaffolder climbs 68%

Scaffolder climbs 68%. The price of scaffolding has risen by 68% over the last year, according to industry sources. This increase is attributed to a combination of factors, including rising costs of raw materials and increased demand for scaffolding in construction projects. Scaffolding is a crucial component in many construction projects, and the price hike is expected to impact the overall cost of building projects.

Yelverton up to £401,000

Yelverton up to £401,000. The Yelverton estate, located in the Cotswolds, has been sold for a record price of £401,000. This sale is a testament to the enduring appeal of the Cotswolds as a desirable location for high-end residential property. The estate, which includes a large country house and extensive grounds, has attracted significant interest from potential buyers.

Tate & Lyle stake

Tate & Lyle stake. Tate & Lyle, a major UK food and drink company, has announced a new stake in one of its subsidiaries. This move is part of the company's ongoing strategy to strengthen its position in the food and drink market. Tate & Lyle is known for its high-quality products and its commitment to innovation in the food industry.

FSM increase to £12m fails to impress market

By Matthew Bond

Shares in Ford Sellar Morris, the property trader and developer, closed just 1p higher, despite a 75 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits. In the six months to end-October, the company made pre-tax profits of £12 million compared with £6.8 million a year ago. But, while analysts remain worried about borrowings, Mr Irvine Sellar, the chairman, is confidently recommending a 67 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 2.5p a share. He said: "It's not all doom and gloom out there. We do not subscribe to the more dire predictions made by some commentators."

Market concern has centred on borrowings in the wake of last June's £84 million takeover of Brookmount Properties, a bid launched with £111 million of money borrowed from Bankers Trust. Mr Sellar has acknowledged that at one point gearing rose to 280 per cent. But he said £80 million of sales from the Brookmount portfolio had brought gearing closer to 100 per cent. The disposals included the sale of Wright Oliphant, the commercial estate agent, to Hambro Countrywide for £15 million - significantly below the value at which it had appeared in the Brookmount books.

"We are just over 100 per cent geared now and we're pretty confident of getting into the 90s by the April year-end," said Mr Sellar, who revealed interest charges can be set against a rental income which has now risen to £10 million. The balance of the Brookmount portfolio is now being kept in FSM's greatly-enlarged investment portfolio.

"It is a very deliberate decision," said Mr Sellar, dismissing suggestions that the group had little option but to keep it. This element has been revalued by directors at about £75 million, with the company's total net assets estimated at £90 million.

That figure compares with the £55 million at which the stock market currently values FSM.

Mr Sellar, who owns a 23 per cent stake, last year acquired an option to buy the 17 per cent stake owned by Mr Mel Morris, his former partner.

That option lapsed when the Takeover Panel decided that exercising it would trigger a full bid. A new solution is being sought.

Brothers plan legal action on Dominion

By Martin Waller

The Richardson brothers, the Midlands property millionaires, are planning legal action over their 12 per cent shareholding in Dominion International Group, the collapsed financial services group formerly run by Mr Max Lewinson.

"We're encouraged to believe that we have got more than a 30 per cent chance of a claim," Mr Roy Richardson said.

Possible grounds for an action, for as much as £5 million, included the non-payment of the final dividend for the last financial year after it had previously been announced and the latest report and accounts, which did not properly reflect the company's financial situation to shareholders, he added.

This month administrators from Price Waterhouse, the accountants, went into Dominion amid suggestions that borrowings of more than £100 million exceeded the current value of the company's assets by more than £40 million.

"All isn't lost by us as shareholders," said Mr Richardson.

"We've got to have a look at the advisers of the company."

Dominion has had a string of advisers, having changed broker, merchant bank and auditor over the past couple of years.

Mr Richardson said one possibility was a link-up with the other big shareholders, former Dominion directors Mr Nigel Cayzer and Mr Rupert Galliers-Pratt, for a joint legal action.

He was also keen on hiring lawyers on some sort of contingency fee basis if possible.

Contingency fees, whereby the lawyers are paid out of the eventual damages only if the case is successful, are illegal in England and Wales, but there has been pressure for a change in the law.

"If it's legal, that's the sort of thing we're going to pursue," said Mr Richardson.

"When we deal with professionals sometimes, the effort isn't put into the job totally."

Mr Richardson estimated he and his brother had lost as much as £5 million from the investment in Dominion, on the probable assumption that shareholders would get no eventual pay-out.

COMMENT David Brewerton

A billion dollars of Fromstein goodwill

They sure do things big in Milwaukee. Blue Arrow, a British plc best known for its reputations which have come to grief in the aftermath of its celebrated rights issue, has produced a bottom line loss of £10.2 million for the year ended October 31, 1989. The company, soon to be moved to the United States and renamed Manpower, has also prepared accounts under the US accounting conventions, and has worked the bottom line loss up to more than a billion dollars.

The major part of the US loss relates to a decision to accelerate the write-down of goodwill from 40 years to five years, and a once-off adjustment in the carrying value of \$1.03 billion. None of this will frighten off Blue Arrow's growing band of US shareholders. They now account for 65 per cent of the share register, and it was in deference to them that Blue Arrow filed its "10K" with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

It is unlikely that there will be a groundswell of opposition to the planned change of domicile. Not so much because investors want to wave goodbye to a thoroughly unhappy investment, but more because of a wish to receive some dividends. The board has found it necessary to make provisions of £33 million against various non-Manpower subsidiaries, a decision which has eliminated distributable reserves and made it illegal, under English Law, to pay a dividend. But, under US law, lack of reserves is not such a problem and dividends can be resumed. Isn't that nice?

While a number of bankers, brokers and even three companies in the City (but nobody from Blue Arrow itself) face criminal proceedings, Mr Fromstein is out and about in the US, planning his return with Manpower. He set up Manpower and made his American backers a lot of money when they sold out to Blue Arrow. He was on his way to the US last night to brief the believers, having made the formal announcement in London. They are back behind Mr Fromstein at a price which has been demolished by the little local difficulty of the failed rights issue.

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Jacques Vert tailors its best year



Profits with style: joint chairmen Jack Cynamon, right, and Alan Green report a 15 per cent rise to £2.37 million yesterday. Jacques Vert, the women's fashion group, is having its best year, despite the consumer-spending slump, according to Mr Jack Cynamon, the joint chairman (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Pre-tax profits for the six months to October, compared with the six months to July - the company has changed its year-end - are up 15.1 per cent at £2.37 million on sales up 31.9 per cent at £19.1 million. Earnings per share rose to 16p from 14.1p and the interim dividend is 4p. None was paid last year.

Mr Cynamon put the success down to selling quality products at affordable prices to a stable customer base. A tailored shirt and jacket from the group retails at about £140. "Many of our customers are business people or the wives of business people and have been less affected by the rise in interest rates," he said. Customers are also mainly in the 30-plus age bracket.

The retail division has added three shops in Britain since October and the manufacturing division is also profitable, but the American market is taking longer than expected to contribute to profits. Three shops in Los Angeles will be opened this spring. Mr Cynamon said the only blot on the horizon was interest rates.

The increase in sales has meant expansion: a warehouse in Harlow, Essex, was bought for £1.5 million and another had been expanded. The interest charge rose from £28,000 to £180,000 and gearing was 23 per cent.

Shares in the group fell 4p to 285p.

Society members to receive £17.5m

By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

Investors and borrowers of the Regency and West of England and the Portman Wessex building societies are in line for a £17.5 million payment following the merger in October. A further £4 million will be paid in tax by the societies on the bonuses.

The merged society, with assets of more than £2.5 billion, is to be known as the Portman Building Society. Before the bonus can be paid members must vote on the merger in April and the move must be sanctioned by the Building Societies Commission. Savers receive a bonus of 4 per cent of savings up to a £100 limit per account. Mortgagees will be out by 1 per cent for the first three months of operation. There will be a £100 limit.

Stroud and Swindon and Frome Selwood Permanent Building societies plan to merge in July after members' meetings in May. Only Frome members receive a bonus of 2 per cent of savings, or 0.5 per cent discount on mortgages until the year-end. This is intended to bring the reserves of the two into line. The society will be known as the Stroud and Swindon.

French connection boosts Bullough

By Jeremy Andrews

Growth at Bullough, the office furniture and shop refrigeration maker, would have allowed considerably last year but for the £42 million on sales and £4 million on operating profits by Atal, the French furniture maker acquired in 1988. Bullough's sales in the 12 months to October rose a third to £276 million and pre-tax profits were 9 per cent up at £28.7 million.

Profits at its main UK furniture company, Project, slipped and Mr Derrick Bette, chairman, said this year would be "quite tough." But shop fittings maker, Baxter Fell Northfleet, was bought from the receiver of Sharp & Law, and in October Bullough paid £6.5 million for a business its previous owner had acquired for £16.5 million.

Atal, for which Bullough paid £15 million, had less impact on pre-tax profits than on operating results because of the rise from £394,000 to £2 million in the interest charge. However, the interest charge was covered 15 times by operating profits.

Earnings per share rose 7 pence to 15.9p. A final of 4.5p (4p) left the total 7 pence up at 6.05p. *Times*, page 24

Guardian strikes again

With the City on the scent of John Ashcroft's blood at Coleridge, Alastair Ross Goobey, chief international investment analyst at James Capel, has been surveying the success of those singled out for the *Guardian's* Young Businessman of the Year Award - who include, of course, (in 1987) Ashcroft. Describing it as an excellent indicator of companies to avoid diligently - Ross Goobey claims last year "it proved itself as the contrary indicator par excellence" - he looks back over the past nine years and concludes that every winner bar one (Roger Hum of Smiths Industries in 1980) has underperformed the market since receiving the award. As detailed in the latest edition of *Professional Investor*, the journal of the Society of Investment Analysts, his calculations show 1981's winner, John Gardner, of Laird Group, outperformed the market by 22 per cent in the three years before receiving the award and has underperformed by 48 per cent since. Peter Michaels of UEL (1982) outperformed by 217 per cent before and underperformed by 21 per cent after, and Alan Sugar of Amstrad (1983) outperformed by 645 per cent before and underperformed by 15 per cent since. Clive Sinclair's company underperformed by 90 per cent, after he won in 1984. George Davis of Next (1985) turned a 169 per cent plus into a 77 per cent minus. Peter Williams of Oxford

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Brown's golden slumbers

Claude Brown, chairman and senior partner of accountant Pannell Kerr Forster, was, according to colleagues, so dozy yesterday that he kept bumping into various items of office furniture. But he did, at least, have a reasonably good excuse. For Brown was up until at least 4am on Sunday, quaffing champagne in celebration of Britain's gold medal in the women's 400 metres hurdles in the Commonwealth Games in Auckland - since

Instruments (1986) went from minus 8.7 per cent to minus 65 per cent and Ashcroft has gone from 79 per cent ahead to 33 per cent behind. Even more recently, John Guna, of British & Commonwealth (1988) has gone from minus 31 per



Lift-off by Hanson

Is your company's share price flagging? Johann Rupert, chief executive of Richemont, gives the short-term answer to this problem in the current issue of *Executive*, the South African business magazine. He recounts a tale of the time that Lord Hanson's pilot landed the corporate helicopter on the pad of the wrong building in the Square Mile. People in neighbouring buildings peered out of their windows to see who was visiting and the shares of the wrong company soared by 20 per cent in the next two hours. Elsewhere the *Executive* carries an interview with the elusive baron by Dominic Lawson, son of Nigel, in which Hanson neatly puts one over the scribe. Lawson asked Hanson what Sir James Goldsmith was doing in his Grosvenor Place head office while the interview was taking place. "What makes you think that?" said Hanson. "When I came in I noticed a Rolls-Royce at the side of the office with the number plate JG1." Hanson bellowed with laughter. "That is my wife Geraldine's car - James and Geraldine - and I have got JH1 on my Bentley - I have got dozens of them." But the canny baron from Huddersfield did not build up a £9 billion plus company by paying inflated prices for trifles like personalized number plates. "I bought all these number plates in the 1950s when they cost next to nothing. Now they are worth thousands of pounds," he added.

Carol Leonard

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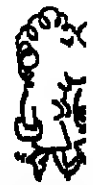
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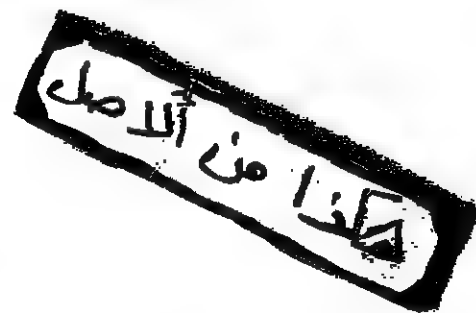
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STOCK MARKET

Cadbury Schweppes adds 10p on speculation of bid

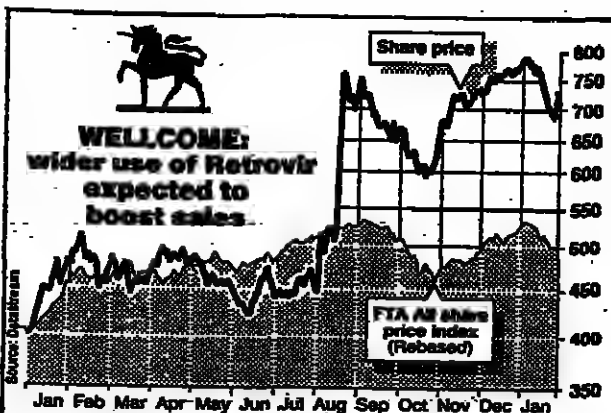
Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drink and confectionery group, put in a late bid adding 10p to 352p on wild talk that a bid for the company would emerge today.

Société Générale Straus Turbulla, the stockbroker, led the buyers mopping-up stock in the market-place and applying the pressure in the Traded Options market where it gave heavily for the call. More than 2 million shares were traded by the close.

General Cinema still has 17 per cent of Cadbury but does not appear to have the financial muscle to launch a full bid.

Elsewhere in the food sector, takeover favourite Unigate fell 5p to 330p hit by a surprise US corn and syrup price advance. The company has been a firm market on persistent bid talk. Mr Larry Goodman, the Irish businessman, is still clinging on to a 9 per cent stake.

Age & Life advanced 7p to 310p on reports that ADM, a leading US corn and syrup producer, had announced a near 50 per cent stake. The company



has been busy seeking evidence of stakeholding.

United Biscuits rose 9p to 347p with Goldman Sachs, the New York broker, a big buyer of the shares.

The rest of the equity market made a confident start to the new account although investors proved reluctant to chase prices higher. A subdued market to trading on Wall Street left the FTSE 100 Index closing below its best with a rise of 14.3 to 2,328.8. The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares rose 12.4 to 1,863.9. Turnover was a disappointing 419 million shares despite BZW, the broker, carrying out a £25 million buy/sell programme.

The firmer pound lifted Government securities 2½ to the longer end.

Ferranti rallied 2p to 40.5p on hopes the proposed £187 million rights issue will be shelved. But Sears edged towards its low, sliding 2p to 103p on turnover of almost 10 million shares, as traders continued to reflect on the proposed rationalization of its shoe business.

Rise Arrow held steady at 90p. The market has already discounted the drop in pre-tax profits from £75 million to £65.1 million, the decision not to pay a final dividend, and the provisions totalling £82.9 million.

Mr Mitchell Fromstein, the

chairman, is switching the group's domicile from Britain to the US because the majority of shareholders are now American.

Laing Properties continued to go from strength to strength jumping another 19p to 580p. Chelsfield Properties has a 13 per cent stake and says it might consider making a full bid.

Wellcome jumped 26p to 734p ahead of today's meeting with the US Food and Drug Administration after its application to use its anti-Aids drug Retrovir more widely. At present, the drug is administered to victims with full-blown Aids. Wellcome says it can also be used to treat patients in the early stages of the disease. The go-ahead would sharply increase sales of Retrovir. But a final decision could be another two months away.

BAA kept 18p to 399p. Mr Michael Ashcroft's ADT last week increased its stake from 7 per cent to 8.19 per cent. He is said to be ready to challenge the Government's golden share policy, preventing unwanted bids, and rules limiting shareholdings to 15 per cent. ADT lost 2p to 201p.

Michael Clark

BUSINESS LETTERS

Let public see public report

From Mr Michael Gilbert

Sir, During the past year I have been receiving a series of quite fascinating documents from Lough and its chief executive, R W (Tiny) Rowland, setting out their complaints against Mohamed Fayed, Lord Young and others.

(There were, I am sure, many more important recipients).

So far, it has been rather a one-sided contest since Mr Rowland's opponents have not sent me an equally full series of documents setting out their side of the case, or, more probably, I am not on their mailing list.

There is however one point which has puzzled me.

It seems that some 20 months ago, Mr Henry Brooke QC and Mr Hugh Aldous completed a report which they had been instructed to make under section 437 of the Companies Act 1985.

I have no doubt that these two eminent gentlemen were (very properly) paid out of public funds. Why therefore are the public who have paid for this report not allowed to read it?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GILBERT,
The Old Rectory,
Luddesdown,
Gravesend,
Kent,
January 22.

Ashcroft's pay rises but value of holdings falls

From Mr John Stephens

Sir, Your report today [Coleridge Group plc] made no mention that during the last 12-18 months Mr Ashcroft's salary has trebled to something in excess of £500k, whilst his investors suffered the ignominy of having the value of their holdings cut by 90 per cent, and 500 of the staff (and more likely, now) out of a job.

To have this rewarded with a CBE by Number 10 is utterly

disgraceful, and if they have been taking industrial advice from the likes of Mr Ashcroft, it probably explains the perilous state our country's finances are in!

Doubtless, Mr Ashcroft will take his own roll of red carpet to lay before the Queen. He certainly has enough of it. Yours sincerely,
JOHN STEPHENS,
34 Leyburn Gardens,
Croydon, Surrey,
January 23.

Liquid asset of water windfall

From Professor Glyn Emery

Sir, Mr J. M. Walpole (January 23) suggests that profits on water shares may have been responsible for the boom in retail sales. No such luck. To have made a profit of over £500 Mr Walpole would have had to have some 1,300 shares. To get such an allotment he would have to apply for 4,000, which shows him to be a gentleman not only of substance but some liquidity as well; and this was a Severn-Trent customer. Had he been a Thames customer he would have required an initial layout of £20,000; and had he been a Northumbrian there is no way he could have obtained enough shares to show a profit much more than £100 after dealing costs. I am afraid his experience is sadly untypical. Yours faithfully,
GLYN EMERY,
134 Northchurch Road, N1.

Canning a skit

From Mr Douglas Lowndes

Sir, Mrs S. F. Walker (January 23) seeks an explanation of the expression "skinning a cat the other way round." This is merely a spoonerism for "canning a skit" which is the process of recording on tape a satirical sketch to be broadcast later by the BBC under the title *The Money Programme*. Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS LOWNDES,
1 Colville Court,
Great Missenden, Bucks.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) — Shares turned higher after a mixed opening as blue chips erased early losses and moved up. However, analysts said gains could be curbed by prospects for lackluster corporate profits and rising interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.21 points at 2,566.44 in early trading. In the broad market, advancing issues outnumbered an initial lead over losers by a five-to-three ratio.

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(free)	149.1	0.5	13.7	0.7	14.6	1.4	5.4
Europe	728.0	0.6	34.5	0.5	24.5	1.5	24.7
(free)	158.4	0.6	35.1	0.2	24.7	1.5	25.3
Nth America	478.9	-0.6	26.2	0.2	17.0	0.3	17.0
Norfolk	1513.3	-0.1	39.4	0.0	28.6	0.8	29.5
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Far East	5291.2	0.5	4.3	1.0	10.0	1.4	-3.2
Australia	330.8	-0.4	12.7	0.0	16.8	0.5	4.5
Austria	1706.6	-3.4	158.9	3.2	126.5	4.4	140.1
Belgium	915.0	0.2	14.5	0.1	9.1	1.1	9.9
Canada	520.8	-1.5	18.0	-1.2	6.9	-0.6	9.4
Denmark	1269.6	0.1	53.8	0.0	34.7	1.0	42.6
Finland	116.3	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	-11.6	0.5	-6.9
(free)	150.9	0.0	26.1	0.1	11.0	0.9	17.0
France	751.1	1.4	39.7	1.2	21.7	2.3	29.6
Germany	908.0	0.8	59.6	0.8	39.7	1.7	48.0
Hong Kong	2073.5	-0.9	8.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4
Italy	371.3	0.4	26.7	0.2	11.9	1.3	17.5
Japan	5832.9	0.5	3.7	1.1	9.9	1.4	-3.8
Netherlands	864.3	0.8	34.5	0.4	17.8	1.5	24.8
New Zealand	95.6	-0.1	11.7	0.8	9.2	0.8	54.2
Norway	1384.7	-0.1	68.2	0.0	52.3	0.8	54.2
(free)	237.8	-0.1	64.3	0.0	50.5	0.8	52.0
Stockholm	1837.2	-0.7	52.7	0.0	36.0	0.2	41.8
Spain	224.4	0.2	7.1	0.1	-4.9	1.1	-0.7
Sweden	1676.0	-0.2	26.1	0.1	29.0	0.7	29.0
(free)	237.2	0.0	60.9	0.2	38.8	0.9	39.9
Switzerland	881.2	0.8	34.4	0.9	23.0	1.8	24.6
(free)	135.0	0.7	36.1	0.8	24.5	1.7	26.3
USA	901.9	0.3	26.7	0.3	26.7	1.2	17.5
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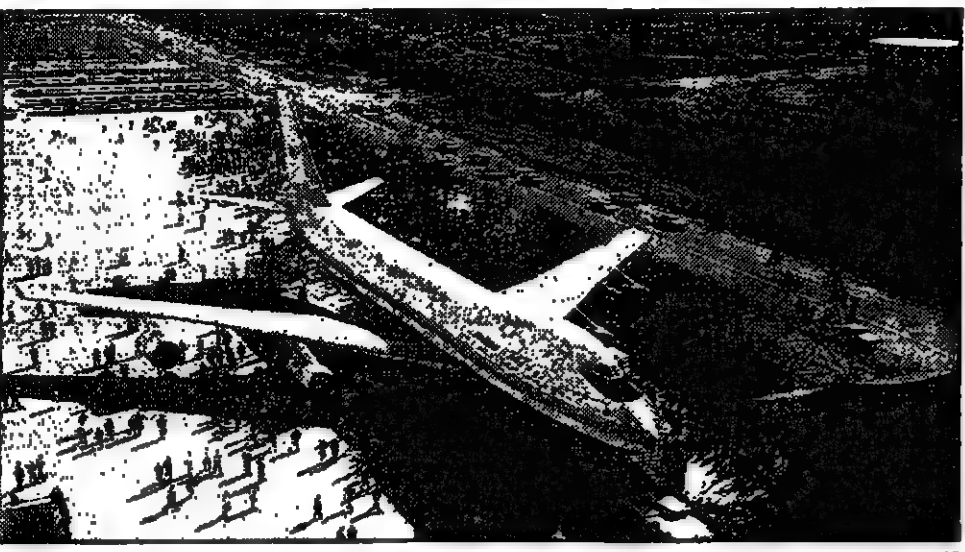
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Giant that conquered the oceans



The 747: far from seeing it as a guaranteed money-spinner, Boeing worried that it might not win big orders, and would be a commercial failure. In the event, Boeing's president, William Allen (below, left), sold the concept to Pan Am's Juan Trippe (below, right).



Take-off: the 747 at its "roll-out" ceremony at Everett, near Seattle, on September 30, 1968



When Boeing's 747 took off 20 years ago, so did business, particularly over the Atlantic. Harvey Elliott tells the story of the jumbo's genesis



New York City: accessible to millions of Europeans since the jumbo's worldwide popularity

The aircraft that opened up the North Atlantic to mass travel was the Boeing 747 jumbo jet. Since the first production plane flew on February 9, 1969, 755 of the giant jets have been built in 15 different versions at Boeing's Seattle factory and delivered to 70 airlines around the world. They have carried close to a billion passengers and flown well over 13 billion miles.

Another 200 Boeing 747s have been ordered, each selling for about \$125 million and guaranteeing the long-term health of the company. When Boeing decided to launch the monster aircraft, however, few predicted it would be the enormous success which it became. Indeed, worried Boeing executives said they were "betting the company" on the success of the 747 and sceptics warned it would be made obsolete by the introduction of supersonic aircraft.

The man behind the 747 was Joseph Sutter, Boeing's most senior engineer. He was called back from holiday in August 1965, to be told to assemble a team to design a commercial aircraft of a size never before contemplated. Over the next few months, he and

about 100 engineers worked virtually around the clock studying 50 potential designs, ranging from a "stretched" version of the 707 to a jet-propelled version of the double-decked Strato-cruiser.

The final design of the 747 was determined by the need to carry large amounts of freight which, it was argued, would give the aircraft an unrivalled advantage over the smaller all-passenger supersonic jets that seemed to be around the corner. It therefore had to have the capacity to carry cargo containers 8ft high and 8ft wide side by side on the main deck.

As it turned out the United States' proposed supersonic passenger jet, the SST, was cancelled and Concorde proved commercially unattractive to airlines. As the designs for the 747 were refined, Boeing's president, William Allen, met the long-serving and dynamic president of Pan Am, Juan Trippe, to ask him what he thought of the concept. Pan Am was then by far the most influential carrier on the Atlantic. If it decided to back the project, it would almost certainly be viable.

The conversation between the two was, apparently, brief. "If you build it," Trippe said, "I'll buy it."

"If you buy it I'll build it," answered Allen — and the die was cast. Pan Am subsequently placed an order for 25 of the jets at \$20 million each.

The idea was to divide the cabin with two aisles, separated into five "rooms" with between 50 and 54 rows of seats and carrying 382 passengers in two classes of service or 418 in all-economy.

Below the main cabin floor there would be slightly more than 6,000 cu. ft of cargo space, about 60 per cent of it for passenger luggage. Unusually, the flight deck was to be sited above the main passenger cabin — to allow the nose to be hinged if necessary for direct loading of freight.

Pan Am formalized its order in April 1966, and other airlines, though still sceptical about the viability of such a big plane, quickly followed. In the first year after the Pan Am order was placed, a further 85 747s were ordered by rivals keen to keep up. It was only when the detailed work which followed the general acceptance of the concept began that Boeing engineers really understood what they had let themselves in for. Each aircraft contained 4.5 million parts, every

one of which had to be manufactured to a precise specification and each accounted for during the building process.

The power required to light the main building in which it was to be built was enough to light more than 32,000 average homes.

The risks the company faced from the start were enormous. Boeing invested more than \$1 billion in the mid-1960s — the whole net worth of the company — in research and development, manpower, buildings and tooling. Leading sub-contractors invested another \$500 million.

A new plant, at Everett outside Seattle, had to be built to accommodate the 747 while it was being put together. Not only was the aircraft itself vast but the engines were brand new, more powerful than any built before, and the navigation system — a sophisticated form of inertial guidance, was so far advanced that some airlines doubted whether it would ever work.

Airlines were so excited by the concept as it began to develop that they compounded the problems of the Boeing engineers by demanding ever more complex additions. "The airlines thought of the 747 as a kind of palace in the sky," Tex Bonilloum, head of the commercial airplane division, said. "They wanted to put chandeliers in it."

It had originally been intended that the space behind the flight deck should be reserved for the crew to rest on long-haul flights, but Pan Am insisted that this should be turned into a lounge area for passengers reached by a circular stairway so ensuring that the 747's most noticeable design feature became a standard fitting. The very size of the aircraft enabled the Boeing designers to build in huge amounts of "fail-safe" safety devices. All main

systems were built in triplicate while the main constructions were arranged so that one would absorb stress if another failed.

The first 747 was rolled out of the factory on September 30, 1968, a day ahead of schedule. It flew for the first time on February 9, 1969, piloted by Jack Waddell, who had worked on the programme since July 1966. One of his most challenging jobs was to guide the aircraft around the airfield from a cockpit which was 29ft above the ground, far higher than any pilot had sat before to taxi an aeroplane.

Over the next 11 months, four more 747s were used as test vehicles and flew a total of 1,400 hours at a cost of \$28 million. The tests resulted in the US Federal Aviation Authority granting a full certificate of airworthiness to the aircraft on December 30, 1969. Three weeks later, Pan Am put the 747 into regular service between New York and London.

Fifteen versions of the 747 have been developed, some as ultra-long range passenger jets, some as short-haul, others as freighters and some as a combination of the two. The latest is the 747-400, which has a two-person electronic flight

deck that dramatically reduces crew costs, advanced turbofan engines with additional thrust and which use 25 per cent less fuel than additional 1,000 mile range, more spacious interiors and more sophisticated guidance and control equipment.

What happens in the future is open to speculation. Some believe that the 747 will be replaced by a new generation of long-range twin jets capable of flying as far but on only two engines. Already many airlines fly the Atlantic with Boeing 767s and 757s which, being smaller, open up the chance of flying to destinations that cannot support a full 747 load of passengers.

Rival aircraft — particularly the McDonnell Douglas MD 11 tri-jet, which flew for the first time this month, or the Airbus A340, which for the moment remains a "paper aeroplane" but which is attracting increasing interest from airlines around the world — are starting to make their competitive impact on the dominance of the 747 on the Atlantic. But it is unlikely that any other jet will ever again have quite the same effect on mass travel as the jumbo.

When the Boeing 747 jumbo made its first appearance, 20 years ago, only about two million passengers a year crossed the North Atlantic to or from Britain by air.

This year nearly nine million will travel on what is now the world's busiest long-haul air bridge (Harvey Elliott, air correspondent, writes). Every day, 120 planes, most with at least 70 per cent of their seats filled with fare-paying passengers, make the journey between Britain and cities throughout North America.

Flights to and from Britain are interspersed with up to 400 other aircraft heading from America to the Continent. They all follow as far as they can the "Great Circle" route along corridors in the sky with aircraft following each other a minimum of 10 minutes apart. This motorway in the sky is divided effectively into eight "lanes", each 120 miles distant horizontally. The main traffic flow goes east in the morning and west in the evening.

The real growth in air travel on the route really began in the mid-1970s when charter carriers were able — by selling an entire aircraft to a tour operator or travel agent — to cut the price dramatically.

By 1979, the number of passengers had more than doubled to about five million a year. Then the Opec nations dramatically increased the price of oil, aviation fuel shot up in price, the world went into an economic recession and passenger numbers dwindled.

Airlines — particularly those from the United States, where de-regulation had come into effect, leading to cut-throat competition — slashed their prices. By 1981, the numbers travelling across the Atlantic had fallen and the decrease continued for three difficult years, not picking up again until the world's economy began to improve in 1984.

The casualties among airlines on the route began to mount both as a result of mergers and takeovers among American airlines and the economic consequences of the crazy

and Virgin Atlantic — the only other British scheduled airline on the route — to two cities. Both are barred from flying within the country to pick up passengers from the regions and feed them on to their long-haul services.

This has long irritated them because the seven American carriers with whom they compete all operate services through which they can fly thousands of passengers into their main gateway airport and, using the same code number and a single ticket, funnel them on to their transatlantic services.

Despite this, however, the British have more than held their own. The two British carriers now have a 42 per cent share of the market on the Atlantic, compared with 56 per cent for the American carriers and the remaining 2 per cent divided between airlines which have rights to pick up passengers in one of the two countries but are not registered in either.

Virgin Atlantic has won award after award for the quality of its business class to New York and Miami.

British Airways — which this week matched the prestige *Aviation Week* award for the best airline on the Atlantic under the noses of the Americans — has ambitious plans to expand its North Atlantic services by 16 per cent this year and eventually to fly twice a day to each of its destinations.

These, too, will increase from 21 to 22 in March when it begins services to Newark and later in the summer it will begin services to New York from Glasgow.

Virgin plans to fly to Los Angeles and hopes soon to be able to operate to Boston, while the Americans are queuing up to increase their services both to Manchester and Glasgow as well as to London.

Once the impasse in negotiations between the two countries over the new legal framework for expansion is overcome, the opportunity of flying across "the pond" will be increased significantly.

A complex agreement between Britain and the United States defines the rules under which airlines can fly the Atlantic. The first such agreement, signed at the Belmont Manor Hotel, Bermuda, on February 11, 1946, became known as Bermuda 1 (Harvey Elliott writes). Its main aim was a framework within which international scheduled air transport could be developed.

The two governments declared that they signed the deal "to foster and encourage the widest possible distribution of the benefits of air travel for the general use of mankind at the cheapest rates consistent with sound economic principles".

They wanted to give a fair and equal opportunity to airlines designated by each country as its official carrier on each route. Though all the services were to be regulated in that fares had to be approved by each side, the idea was to allow healthy competition so long as fares reflected the true costs of the operation.

An important clause was that there would be no formal limit on the number of seats airlines could offer.

At the last moment, however, the following clause was inserted at the British Government's insistence: "Services provided by a designated air carrier under the agreement and its annex shall retain as their primary objective the provision of capacity adequate to the traffic demands between the country of which each carrier is the national and the country of ultimate destination of the traffic and shall be subject to the general principle that capacity should be related to traffic requirements between the country of origin and the countries of destination, to the requirements of through airline operations, and to the traffic requirements of the area through which the airline passes after taking account of local regional services."

For more than 30 years, Bermuda 1 seemed one of the most successful bilateral air services deals ever signed. Increasingly, however, British airlines complained they were being swamped by the larger American carriers. By 1976, American airlines were earning \$300 million a year on routes through London and to the Continent and beyond, of which \$180 million was coming from the Atlantic alone. Many of these airlines had been granted the right to operate to Europe from London, and even to Hong Kong.

Now, however, these arrangements appear to have been the Trojan Horse that enabled the Americans to fly



Still waiting: Manchester wants to know whether it can be a "gateway" airport

Deadlock over the route deal talks

Britain and the US wrangle over the right to fly

internally within Europe while British airlines had no such reciprocal arrangements in the US.

Finally, on July 22, 1976, the British Government notified the American government that Bermuda 1 would be revoked 12 months later. It was determined to open up new gateways for British airlines into the US and in return to offer one new gateway for American airlines into Britain, to set up more detailed limitations on the capacity provided by the two nations on the designated air routes, to reduce the rights of American airlines to fly to other destinations out of London, to designate Gatwick as a London terminal airport, and to negotiate more precise tariff arrangements.

Eventually, on June 22, 1977, a new agreement was reached — but one many British carriers considered unsatisfactory. There was a significant increase — from nine to 14 — in the number of "gateways" in the US into which British airlines could operate, and several rights were withdrawn from American carriers out of London. Charter flights were also, for the first time, brought under the bilateral umbrella. The agreement also laid down that at least 600,000 passengers a year had to use any route before more than one airline from each country could be allowed to compete. But on the limitation of capacity, the

designation of competing airlines, and tariffs, most British aviation chiefs concluded they had again been sold short. None the less, despite their qualms, the airlines continued to operate under the rules until two developments made them reconsider the basis of the transatlantic agreements.

In the mid-1980s, the de-regulated American airline industry argued strongly that its aircraft should be able to fly where they liked when they liked on international as well as national routes. At the same time the British Government decided it would privatize British Airways, and it needed to ensure that the airline and others flying under British colours could be guaranteed "a level playing field" in which to compete.

All this was against the background of a collapse in US-originating passengers after the Chernobyl disaster and the Libyan raids by the US Air Force. These were but the last in a series of problems for the airlines that had begun in 1979 when Opec increased oil prices dramatically and the companies' fortunes slumped.

The Americans wanted a complete laissez-faire policy on the North Atlantic with no restriction on capacity while the British resisted strongly, arguing that airlines such as British Caledonian would be killed off and

British Airways' privatization rendered unworkable.

The US proposed that there could be some limit on capacity but only when one country had fallen below 25 per cent of the total number of seats being offered. This was rejected by Britain and in September a Department of Transport team went to Washington with little hope of achieving any changes to the Bermuda 2 agreement.

Against all the odds, it succeeded, and an amendment was struck preventing both countries from providing more than one-and-a-half times the capacity of the other on any route to the US.

The amendment stopped any airline from increasing the frequency of its flights by more than 30 over the number being flown before.

It was agreed, too, that every airline could operate at least once a day on any route and that the time limit for governments to approve new fares on the Atlantic route would be reduced from 75 days to 30 to give airlines more chance of introducing cut-price deals quickly.

However, again the new proposals were not considered totally satisfactory. Last year, a new problem compounded what was already a complicated and bitter dispute. As both Heathrow and Gatwick neared their passenger capacity, the regions demanded a greater share of the booming transatlantic travel. Manchester, in particular, argued that it should be officially recognized as a British "gateway airport", thus establishing more airlines to fly to and from it.

But the British Government was unwilling to give away without something in return. It sought the right of British airlines to fly from one point to another in the US, as well as for a whole new range of gateway airports there too and a relaxation in the American rules that prevented foreign investors from buying a substantial stake in American airlines.

Talks collapsed again last month and so far repeated efforts to reach agreement on what is now being called Bermuda 3 have failed.

Airlines such as Northwest, United and American, are now clamouring for greater access to what they regard as the most lucrative route of all. The Americans even threaten to bypass London and fly direct to Paris or Frankfurt if they are not allowed in. The British side is so far refusing to budge. The impasse seems, at present, to have no solution.

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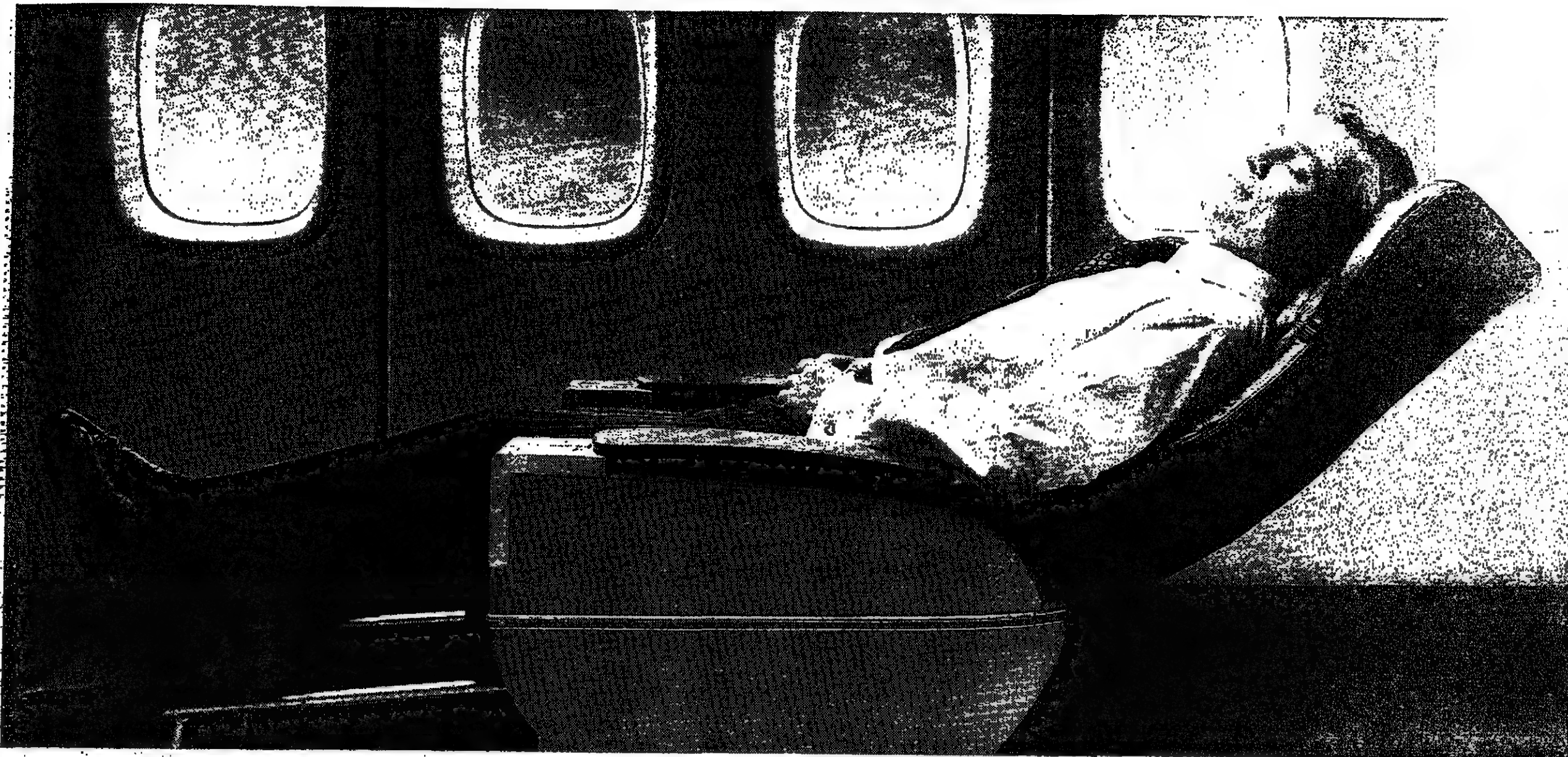
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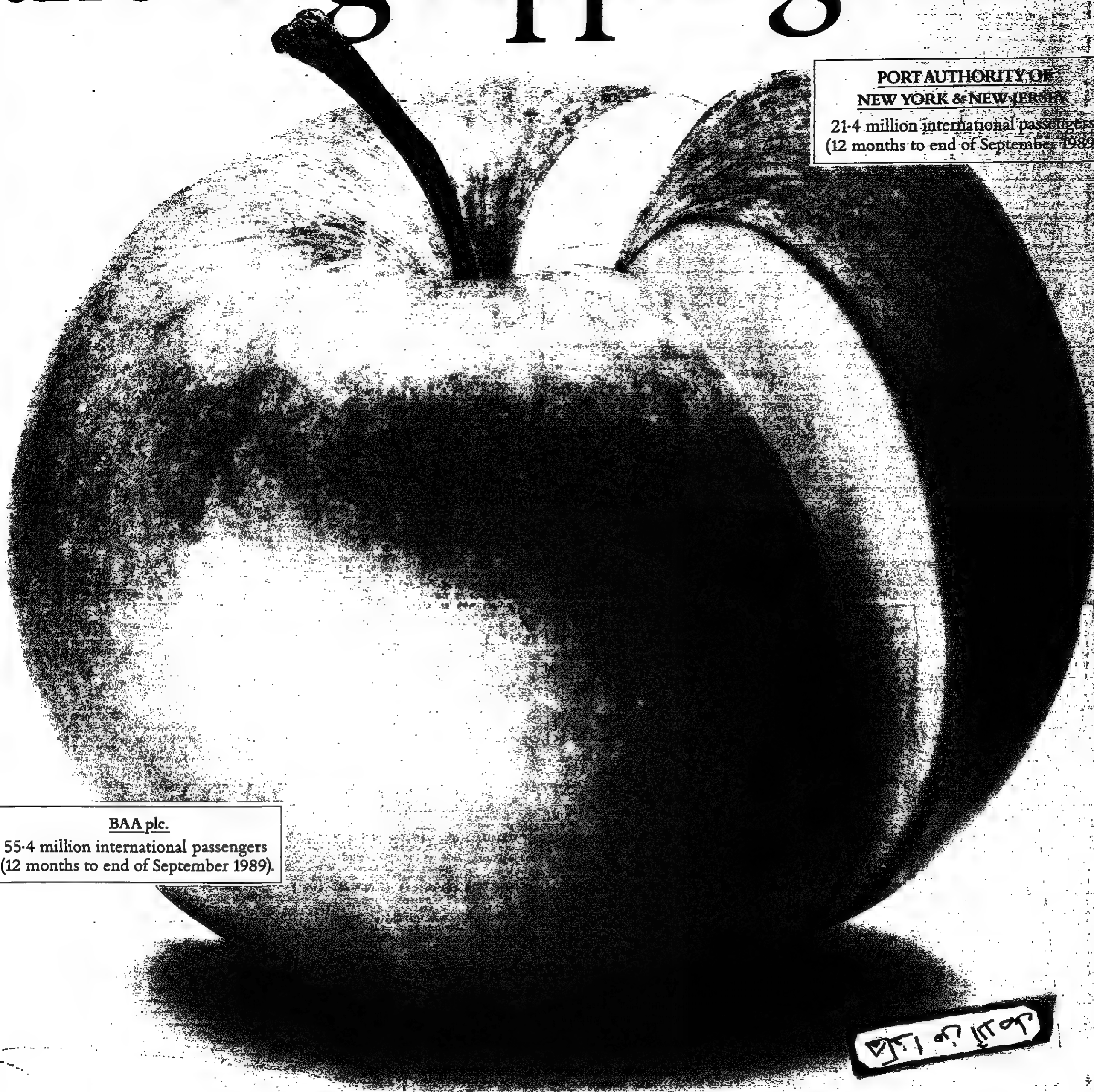
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Flights to catch winds of fortune

When Pan American's Clipper Victor touched down at Heathrow Airport 20 years ago this month, the arrival of the first Boeing 747 to cross the Atlantic marked a momentous aviation achievement for the airline, as well as for the builders of the giant aircraft.

The doubling in size of the new aircraft type — and trebling of passenger loads — had not been without hiccups and problems. Engine problems held up delivery to the airline of the first of the jumbos by more than a month.

There followed a delay in the departure of the first scheduled flight of Pan Am's immaculate white and blue jetliner, on the premier North Atlantic route from New York to London. But though the planned take-off from Kennedy Airport on January 21 slipped over to 1.52 the next morning, the jet still reached Heathrow on the advertised day, January 22, 1970.

In an earlier pioneering venture, on June 28, 1939, the Pan Am flying boat Dixie

Once an innovator and industry leader, Pan Am fell but is now fighting back, Frank Robson says

Clipper carried the first scheduled passengers across the Atlantic. Captain R.O.D. Sullivan flew 22 passengers from New York, via Newfoundland, to Southampton aboard his Boeing-314, a 40-ton prop-driven Wright Cyclone-engined aircraft.

The airline had then also surmounted problems that threatened its progress, among them a year's delay in the delivery of the first of its B314 flying boats.

Clipper Victor, the first Pan Am jumbo to go into service, was one of 25 B747s in the airline's launch order, costing \$21 million each. This compares with the \$125 million cost of the newest type, the 747-400, of which British Airways has 21 on order. Pan Am's 747 fleet now totals 36, both 100s and 200s, and the airline is fully refurbishing 18

of the jumbos at \$21 million apiece.

The total \$400 million investment which, along with modification of aircraft, includes intensive courses for cabin attendants and an intake of 1,000 new attendants, is part of a drive to win back the big slice of the market Pan Am has lost to rivals such as British Airways. In particular, Pan Am seeks an increase in first-class passengers — with a money-back guarantee on offer to tempt them.

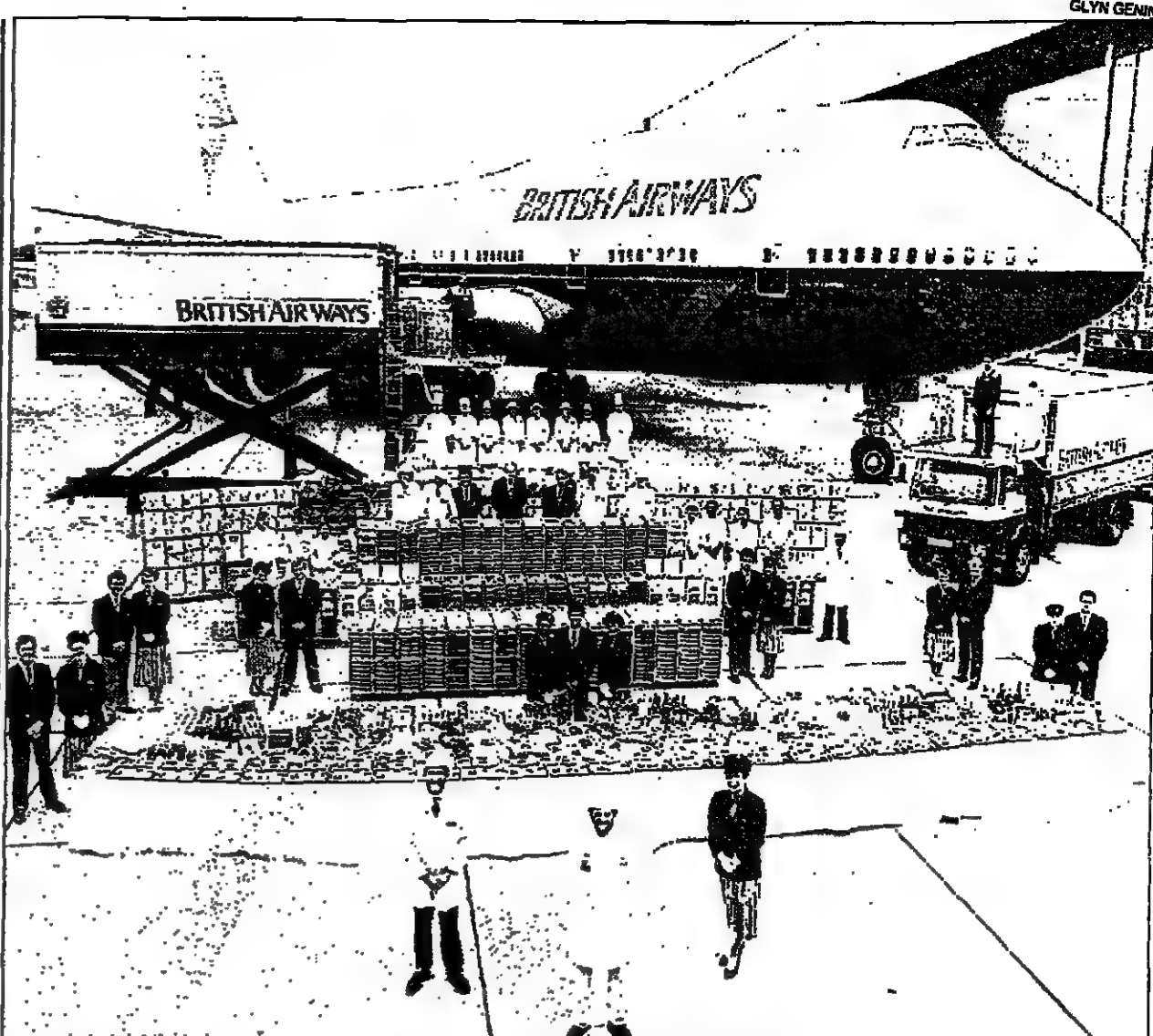
"The offer is targeted at those who have not flown before," the airline's general sales manager and vice president, Jerry Murphy, says.

Passengers paying £2,910 for a Pan Am one-way first-class ticket (compared with £3,268 for a British Airways ticket) will have their money refunded if they can find something in the in-flight

service to complain about, Murphy promises.

Pan Am's losses for this year are expected to be more than 1988's \$100 million. But as it prepares to battle to keep its place as one of the world's leading airlines, struggling particularly for dominance on the New York-London route, there are already signs of improvement, Murphy says.

In the first nine months after the Lockerbie disaster, passenger traffic decreased considerably. But in November the numbers were up by 4.9 per cent, and in December up by 14.9 per cent — to the highest in any December. From its modest beginning in 1927 to facing up to Lockerbie, Pan Am knows how tough the airline business can be, whether it is setting the lead or being pressed by rival airlines. In more than 60 years of flying, however, the company has learnt that head winds eventually diminish, or even help provide a turn of speed as they become instead tail winds.



Making a good meal of it: the food and drinks for a jumbo flight — and the ground and air teams that prepare and serve it

Waiting in the wings

It took the cheap Atlantic air fares impresario Freddie Laker six years of battling before his \$59-a-ticket London-New York Skytrain air service was finally cleared for take-off.

Victory came after the most difficult fight he could ever have, Laker, then aged 55, suggested as the 345-seater DC-10 jetliner, Eastern Belle, lifted off from London's Gatwick airport on September 26, 1977 (Frank Robson writes).

But a tougher battle lay ahead for the man who brought cut-price scheduled service North Atlantic air travel to the masses, and this time he lost. Four and a half years after Skytrain's take-off, his airline failed.

No one had followed the rise and fall of Laker more closely than the rock tycoon Richard Branson. When his Virgin Atlantic Airways took off on June 22, 1984, just two years after Skytrain was finally grounded, Branson was confident he could follow Laker's successes while avoiding his failures. He could hardly have realized, as he joined passengers paying him \$99 for a Gatwick-New York ticket, just how successful his move into the airline business would be.

Five years on, Virgin, though still a minnow in international airline terms, now operates four Boeing 747s, has two more coming into service in the spring, and has carried well over two million passengers.

Virgin's scheduled services, Branson says, are aimed "to provide all classes of traveller with the highest-quality travel at the lowest cost". Virgin's lowest

bargain fare on its Gatwick-New York and Miami routes is £90 out, and \$99 back to London.

But time has brought changes in attitude among airline competitors since the days of Laker, when some carriers rushed to offer fares to match Skytrain prices. Apart from Virgin and the so-called big three, British Airways, Pan American and Trans World Airlines, a further four airlines operate scheduled services between London and New York.

Fare prices vary, reflecting what airlines believe customers will pay for the type of service on offer. Pan Am, TWA and BA, operating from Heathrow, charge £269 for a one-way standard economy seat to New York's John F. Kennedy airport.

The Israeli airline El Al, Air India and Kuwait Airways, each operating between Heathrow and JFK, offer seat prices similar to their main competitors.

Virgin's economy fare, from Gatwick to both JFK and New York's Newark

airport, is £193, and Continental Airlines' Gatwick-Newark economy fare is £291. BA, claiming increasing success with its Club World, prices its business class seats on the Blue Riband New York route at £256, as against £815 for Pan Am's Clipper Class and TWA's Ambassador Class.

Continental, which replaced People Express on the Gatwick-Newark route after taking over the American price-cutting airline, matches the Pan Am and TWA business class at £815.

Virgin decided early on to offer travellers just two classes, Branson says. Passengers can fly "Upper Class", a first-class style of London-New York service for business class prices — £889 (weekdays) and £939 (weekends). A Pan Am or TWA first-class seat, one-way London-New York, is £1,455, and Continental £1,570, compared with £1,634 for the best on a BA jumbo. And one of the fastest and most stylish ways to spend £2,128 one-way between Heathrow and JFK is on BA's supersonic Concorde. This is 23 times the price of a Virgin £90 special "buy-before-the-day-of-flight" ticket to New York. Yet there is a ready market for either choice.

There were many who suggested Virgin Atlantic "would not see a second winter in business", Branson says. Yet on its Miami route the average load factor is 87 per cent, and on New York 84 per cent.

The future of the airline and its specialized niche in the market is firmly assured, he believes, because of the loyalty of its passenger following.



Virgin classics: in-flight entertainment

'Little extras' that pull in the passengers

About two dozen airlines fly between Europe and North America every day, all of them using similar aircraft and on-board services, (Arthur Reed writes).

These airlines spend an average of £30 on a first-class cabin meal, £15 in business class, £7 in economy — representing up to 4 per cent of total operating costs.

About 30,000 catering items are loaded aboard each transatlantic jumbo jet, including salt and pepper pots, cutlery, shaving kits, paper handkerchiefs, magazines and flowers. Scandinavian Airlines System spends £2.75 million a year on newspaper alone.

If the meal services are so similar, how can any one of the airlines stand out in the crowd when attracting bookings? Is it through the width of the stewardess's smile, the warmth of the purser's greeting? Many gimmicks have been tried: greeting cards bearing passenger names, a dance floor with an aluminium piano (to save weight) on the upper deck of the 747 among them.

If a juggler, magician, or comedian does an act at 35,000 feet you will almost certainly be travelling economy on a Virgin 747.

Films are shown throughout the aircraft sections, but an extra offered in the upper class section is a hand-held video into which can be slotted film cassettes chosen from an on-

board library of around 100. Apart from British Airways and Air France on their supersonic Concorde services — where there is insufficient space, and the journey times are too short — virtually all the transatlantic carriers offer in-flight film programmes.

BA has been experimenting with seat-back video screens in economy class on the 747, while passengers travelling in the airline's recently-refurbished first-class cabins have individual video screens which swing out from the arms of their seats.

In-flight telephones are now appearing on an experimental basis on some transatlantic services. The experiments have been difficult, for technical reasons, but once calls can be linked via satellite the service will become routine. Future "goodies" include fax facilities.

American Airlines, which has 145 flights a week to European destinations, claims that one of the most attractive facilities it offers, in

view of the controversy over ageing aircraft, is an average fleet age of 3.8 years.

Pan American says that 18 of its fleet have been completely rebuilt under the American government's Civil Reserve Air Fleet plan. Such aircraft start their lives anew after such treatment, the airline says, thus reducing the average age of the transatlantic fleet to 7.48 years.

Pan Am lost around \$100 million (about £61 million) in bookings during the opening months of 1989 when passengers switched flights to competitors after the Lockerbie disaster, and has just announced a multi-million dollar rehabilitation programme, including refurbishing airliners. It also made an unusual money-back offer to first class passengers flying the Atlantic between January 22 and March 15 if they are dissatisfied with in-flight service.

El Al, the Israeli airline, is one of a small group of foreign airlines which has what are

known as "fifth-freedom" rights to pick up fare-paying passengers at Heathrow and take them on to the United States. It says that one of its most attractive services is its high level of security. Another is that it uses Terminal One at Heathrow, from which BA's extensive domestic UK and European networks radiate.

Better service on the ground is now being given priority by airlines, allowing them to be more competitive with each other than is possible in the air. Pan Am, for instance, offers its first-class customers free parking in its own secure area at Heathrow. BA has a valet parking service at Terminal Four for any class of passenger prepared to pay.

Most airlines have established separate check-in desks to cut queueing time for first-class and business-class passengers, and train staff to roam the concourses helping lost or bewildered customers.

And every operator flying transatlantic has its own (or a share in somebody else's) lounges for premium passengers.

The concept of dedicated areas for the CIP (the commercially-important passenger) may be expected to spread as airports become increasingly overcrowded with transatlantic passengers, and as the competition between the airlines to carry them becomes fiercer.

Miracle that keeps London on top

Twice a day a minor miracle occurs at Heathrow and Gatwick when more than 120,000 transatlantic passengers pass through the terminals. Somehow the first and second busiest international airports in the world cope with the almost simultaneous arrival of more than 30 jumbo jets each, and with the thousands of people who through the departure and arrivals halls to wave goodbye or welcome passengers (Harvey Elliott writes).

Over the past 20 years, Gatwick has borne most of the phenomenal growth in transatlantic travel. In 1970 there were only seven departures a day for the United States. Today there are 25. The result is that pressure on Heathrow has been eased, with this airport now

handling 33 such flights a day compared with 37 in 1970. Heathrow, which handled 38 million passengers last year is the departure point for 214 destinations in 85 countries and earns more than £200 million a year in foreign exchange.

The airport, which employs more than 53,000 people, has 70 airline customers, 24 of which have their own VIP lounges capable of accommodating 4,000 people at a time and dispensing 23,500 cups of tea, 6,500 pints of beer and 11,500 sandwiches a day.

On one day last year Heathrow handled a 1,160 flights and 142,833 passengers.

For transatlantic passengers, their first, or last, glimpse of Britain is either Terminal Three or Terminal Four. Terminal Four is used by British Airways, which shares it with a number of other airlines and which often complains that it is the only national airline in the world which does not have all its operations under one roof.

A passenger from a domestic or European flight arrives at another terminal and, if in transit to an

international flight, must be taken more than four miles by bus to the efficient, but tantalizingly distant, Terminal Four.

Rival airlines use Terminal Three, which was opened in 1962 as the Oceanic building designed for intercontinental flights. Now BAA, which owns the airport, is spending £110 million on enlarging and modernizing the terminal.

Since the work, which entailed a great deal of disturbance, began about seven million passengers a

year have continued to use it. With expanded check-in facilities at 134 sophisticated desks, together with information, ticket sales and cash desks, the overall check-in area will increase in size by 40 per cent.

A new, sophisticated baggage system, capable of handling 60 items a minute, and a new baggage transfer facility will transform the existing passenger luggage handling area. New shops, catering facilities and tax and duty free areas will provide a much wider choice for the out-going passenger.

The arrivals area is also being redesigned and modernized.

Meanwhile, Gatwick is spending £20 million over six years in refurbishing its check-in facilities. Each year, one of the six lines of check-in desks is closed and re-equipped with the latest technology.

All seven American airlines, which fly to 17 US destinations from Gatwick, use the South Terminal, together with Virgin. Although Gatwick is further from the centre of London than Heathrow it is served by one of the most efficient rail links in Britain,

with high-speed trains every 15 minutes from and to Victoria.

This, aided by the fact that Heathrow is already full and airlines have to move to Gatwick if they want a take-off and landing slot, has pushed up the number of passengers flying the North Atlantic from the airport from less than a million in 1979 to an estimated 3.35 million this year.

Now Gatwick itself is full and any future development to accommodate increased air traffic will have to be at Stansted. A meeting of airlines is to be held in March to decide which ones will be prepared to operate from the Essex airport into which BAA is pumping so much money, and which, it is convinced, will mirror Gatwick's success over the next 10 years.

America tries to cut airport jams

Almost everybody who flies regularly between Europe and the United States has a horror story of how, after crossing the Atlantic at 500mph or more, they queued for an hour while immigration officers went through painstaking routines, and then waited for their luggage to be delivered and examined.

Many of the "gateway" airports in the US are in danger of becoming overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of passengers they have to handle. When aviation deregulation — the American government policy under which domestic airlines have been able to fly where they like at the lowest possible fares — began in 1978, about 550 million passengers a year were passing through the airports. Ten years later, the total has grown to 900 million, and the forecast is that by the late 1990s it will reach 1.4 billion.

One unforeseen side-effect of deregulation has been to concentrate air services into "hub" airports, to which small airlines feed connecting passengers, making hubs even more crowded than they would have been. Chicago's O'Hare airport today copes with about 60 million passengers a year, four million of whom are on international flights.

Atlanta has 45 million passengers (1.7 million international), Dallas Fort Worth, and Los Angeles each has 44 million (but LA has eight million international passengers, compared with 500,000 at Dallas), John F. Kennedy, New York, 31 million (18 million international), San Francisco also 31 million (3.5 million international).



Chicago's O'Hare airport: it copes with about 60 million passengers a year

ional). In Canada, Montreal is by far the busiest airport, with 19 million passengers, nine million of them international arrivals and departures.

As can be seen, the North American gateway airports are, with the exception of Kennedy, used proportionately far more by internal services than by those from abroad. Most have their own international arrivals and departures terminals set apart from those used by domestic flights, but the wide-bodied airliners coming in from Europe inevitably have to share the crowded sides, particularly over the eastern and Pacific seaboard, runways and taxiways, with those domestic services.

Delayed departures and arrivals, often because of air-traffic control congestion, are the biggest cause of complaint among North American airline customers — and the situation is likely to become worse. A little of

the pressure is being taken from the main gateways by lesser-known airports such as Charleston, South Carolina, offering their facilities for transatlantic services. Such operations are made economically possible by the new breed of twin-engine, wide-body jetliners, such as the Airbus A310 and the Boeing 767.

The long-term solution to the American civil aviation industry's problem lies in two initiatives by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). These are the National Air Space System Plan, which seeks to modernize and improve air traffic control and associated facilities, and the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, designed to identify what airport facilities will be needed by the middle of this decade. The cost of implementing the latter plan is likely to be \$25 billion.

Finding such a huge sum is a

headache in the US, where most airports are built, developed, owned and managed by the cities which they serve, usually through specialist departments or authorities. Financing is complex, coming from a mixture of local communities, the airlines, and grants from the federal government.

Several of the big airports through which the European airlines enter the US have begun expansion and improvement schemes. Los Angeles International redeveloped its passenger terminal area in time for the Olympic Games, held in the city in 1984. When the work was finished, chronic congestion, which had been a problem for years, vanished overnight. The airport had been planned in the 1950s, and opened in 1961-62 — just in time for the first jetliners, the Boeing 707 and the DC8. Those who run it are looking at ways to increase the passenger flow from 44 million to 65 million a year.

The latest development at Chicago's O'Hare airport is a glass and steel terminal costing \$500 million. It covers 1.4 million sq ft, has 42 "gates" or exits to the aircraft, and can cope with 65,000 passengers a day.

At Kennedy airport, the international arrivals building, which had a reputation for poor service, has been renovated at a cost of \$24 million. But that was a minor task compared with the big scheme for the future, dubbed JFK 2000, and covering a long list of capital improvements over eight years.

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THE LAW

Courting the finer points

There may not be big money in Privy Council work, Edward Fennell says, but its scope is satisfying, brings prestige, and is good experience for a young lawyer

My reference last week to the *Acquisitions Monthly* ranking of leading solicitors in the takeover business provoked a rash of claims from other law firms boasting of similar success in one or other of a variety of inter-firm comparisons.

With so many lists around it is not difficult to become a legend in one's own league table, but one achievement did seem worth noting, even if it was more of a *succes d'estime* than a big money spinner.

Macfarlanes, the mid-size City firm led by the canny Vanni Treves, pointed out that during 1989 it headed the list of firms appearing before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. David Wyld, a partner at Macfarlanes, admits that

this is not typical mainstream work. Indeed, much of it is done on a *pro bono* basis. But as the supreme appellate court of a number of Commonwealth countries — including New Zealand, various parts of the West Indies, and Hong Kong — many of the cases which come before the Privy Council are of considerable interest and often deal with fundamental points of law.

For example, in 1982 the so-called *LESA* case had the effect of conferring on a large number of people born in West Samoa the status of natural-born British subjects. And in the mid-1980s there was a lot of interest generated in Hong Kong by the outcome of a case focusing on whether the commissioner of deposit-taking companies was under a duty to

protect the depositors against losing their money.

So although, as Wyld says, few laymen have heard of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the United Kingdom, it is spoken of with "respect and admiration" overseas. By providing a second-tier safety net for the appellate courts of the smaller Commonwealth countries the Privy Council provides a welcome element of stability and continuity to judicial systems which may feel vulnerable to time and tide.

But why should London firms such as Macfarlanes — and others such as Stephenson Harwood and, occasionally, Linklaters and Freshfields — become involved in cases in small, faraway countries remote from their main activities?

The answer is partly a matter of temperament. Some firms, and Macfarlanes is one, take pride in doing the unusual and demonstrating their flexibility so as to add colour to what can sometimes be a grey world of corporate law.

It is not a full-time specialism — Wyld, for example, spends only



Incisive questions: David Wyld about a quarter of his time on Privy Council work — but for those lawyers who are involved, Privy Council cases can provide a high profile opportunity for showing one's mettle to serving judges on the English Court of Appeal (as well as to Commonwealth judges who are Privy Councillors). They also offer excellent scope for young lawyers to

broaden their experience of the law. "The Judicial Court is unlike almost any other," Wyld says. "The judges don't dress up so you are faced by this initially misleading image of a panel of balding gents in suits. However, once they start talking, they are all absolutely on the ball and ask incisive questions."

Privy Council work appeals to those who are stimulated by refined points of law. Not too long ago, for example, Macfarlanes was involved in an appeal which more or less prefigured the *Noriega* case. The American government was fighting to justify the extradition from the West Indies of an alleged drugs boss. Opposed by local lawyers, the American government ended up taking the island's government to the Privy Council.

So, although Privy Council work is not mainstream, it is a very good arena for lawyers to show off their talents. Macfarlanes says that a number of substantial clients have been drawn to them from overseas as a result of its Privy Council work. A display of virtuosity there is a useful advertisement for the quality of what a lawyer can do.

INNS AND OUTS

New address for top chambers

Number One Brick Court is on the move. Probably the best known set of commercial chambers in London, it once boasted Robert Alexander, QC, as head before he became chairman of the National Westminster Bank. Because of the need for more space, its members have decided to break with tradition and take premises on commercial terms outside the Inns of Court. The set has taken a lease for 10,500 square feet at 15-19 Dering Court, WC2. The move was complicated because barristers are self-employed and coming up with the £398,000 premium created organizational problems and tax disadvantages. However, the financial services division of property agents Richard Ellis came to the rescue. It created a third party company which paid the premium and took the assignment of the lease from the then tenants, solicitors Lawford & Co. The premises were then sub-let to the set at full market rent, which includes the passing rent of £185,000 and the premium. The barristers are thus able to write the whole rent off against tax. If they had borrowed to pay the premium, only the interest payments would have been deductible. Following the rent review in 1992, the third party drops from the scene, and the set takes on the lease itself. The premium was high because the rental on the premises, set at around £18 per square foot, was low compared to office rents in the area of £30 per square foot.

Fingerprinting with DNA as a method of establishing identity, discovered by accident in a British laboratory in 1984, has been used for some time in UK civil proceedings, particularly in cases where paternity or a right to immigrate is in dispute. Even before regulations governing its use had been put in place, most civil courts had already recognized the test's vast superiority over the traditional blood test, which can disprove paternity with certainty in only 30 per cent of cases. The chances of a DNA fingerprint test being wrong is 30,000,000,000 to 1 against, or so the courts have believed so far. But serious doubts are surfacing in America about whether the tests promise the certainty that the courts in this country take for granted. In America, the tests have been successfully attacked in some criminal hearings and the DNA evidence ruled inadmissible. Critics say that until there is a consensus on the standards to be used, evidence based on DNA matching is unreliable. While different laboratories, including the FBI's lab, use different rules, scientists' subjective assumptions and interpretations play an important, and unacceptable, role.

Although recent attention has focused on Judge Pickles's decision to send a young mother and her baby to prison, the celebrated judge has been known to intervene usefully in the life of his local community in Bradford. Recently, he lent his support to save Bradford Law Centre after the local council decided to axe its £287,000 annual grant. Judge Pickles, who sits regularly at Bradford County Court, next door to the law centre, was impressed by its ability to provide immediate representation for an underrepresented tenant in a case before the court and gained media coverage for the centre's predicament by praising it in an interview on local television. Thanks to the intervention of a number of local solicitors, the Law Society, the Bishop of Bradford and Judge Pickles the council has agreed to fund the law centre for the 1990-91 financial year.

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Has Waddington jumped the gun?

Ian Walker takes the Home Secretary to task over the handling of the new Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme, which starts this Thursday

If the Government is serious in its intention to improve the service that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board gives to the public it must undertake a radical review of the board's workings.

The revised version of the CICB scheme, which comes into force on Thursday, will not achieve its aim to cut the appalling backlog of cases. The note of optimism in the board's annual report last November is sadly misplaced.

Those who deal regularly with the CICB know from bitter experience that cases are taking longer to resolve. But it is not just the time taken that causes concern. The board is again saying to applicants that any inquiry into the delay in a

case will cause even further delay because the file will have to be retrieved from its pile, the inquiry dealt with, and the papers put at the bottom of another pile.

It is tempting to suggest that the problems can be solved by liberal application of Government money. The board needs a huge increase in staff to cope with its two-year backlog and its annual input of 40,000 cases. It must have properly trained, well motivated staff who should not feel, as many do, that the CICB is a Civil Service backwater to be avoided if possible.

Why has David Waddington, the Home Secretary, chosen to change the scheme now? He will know that the House of Commons Home



The long wait: victims suffer further from the backlog of cases

Affairs Select Committee is holding an inquiry into the funding and administration of the board. The committee has received evidence from many interested parties, and the submissions of the Law Society in particular contain proposals which would greatly assist the board to deal with its difficulties.

Surely it would have been better to await the committee's recommendations before tinkering dangerously and ineffectually with the scheme? The CICB exists to compensate the victims of crimes of violence. It does this by having civil servants prepare cases for legally qualified board members to assess the award. If this sum is considered inadequate a hearing before three board members can be requested.

The new "improved" scheme will allow non-qualified staff to assess compensation. This should not be the cause of any concern; after all, insurance companies settle most of their claims using experienced, unqualified staff. But the board is also to restrict the right of the applicant to request a hearing by having all such requests vetted by two board members and thrown out if they judge the hearing request to be unmeritorious.

As at that stage the applicant will not have been given access to the board's papers, how is he or she to know what detailed objection can be taken to the board's initial decision? The Divisional Court is clearly going to be busy in the months ahead.

The new scheme contains a number of important changes, apart from those mentioned.

- The lower limit for compensation eligibility is raised from £550 to £750.
- The top rate for loss-of-earnings calculations is re-

duced from twice to one-and-a-half times the gross average industrial earnings.

- The cost of bringing up a child born to a raped woman is not to be awarded.
- Property damage claims are reduced in scope.

These changes may save the Government money, to the detriment of those applying to the board, but will make no difference whatsoever to the speed at which the board deals with its workload.

The problems of the CICB are too deep to be remedied by such a superficial approach. The Home Secretary must take note of the findings of the Select Committee, and should have done so before this ill-considered tinkering. Had he sought advice from those best placed to assist, people who deal with the problems at first hand, he might have stood a better chance of coming up with the right solution.

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CORPORATE TAX— PARTNER DESIGNATE City £100,000+

■ Probably one of the City's most progressive medium sized practices. ■ Established Tax and Pensions Department, headed up by one of the City's leading Corporate Tax Specialist Lawyers. ■ Senior Lawyer required who may already be a Partner or is seeking partnership in 1990.

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Advice will cover the following areas and experience is therefore essential:

- Corporate structures and reorganisations
- Foreign investment into the United Kingdom and overseas
- Offshore investment funds
- Tax aspects of corporate acquisitions and takeovers
- Contentious aspects of tax.

The firm has an established profile in the area of corporate tax and the tax/pensions department already has a number of lawyers with considerable reputations in these areas of law.

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The firm is now seeking a number of newly qualified commercial property solicitors. The property department practice reflects the underlying nature of the firm's business and is therefore predominantly commercial.

The department acts for both UK and overseas clients seeking to acquire property for investment or dealing or for their own occupation. Other areas of advice include the following:

- Site acquisition, funding and planning
- Property development and related fields
- Close liaison with company and commercial department.

Ideally candidates must display the following:

- Sound "A" Levels with a 2.1 Degree
- Gained experience with a reputable Central London law firm
- Have the character and maturity to liaise with major commercial clients and interact as part of a team.

Ref. T3001B

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE EC2 Newly Qualified 4yrs PQE to £50,000

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- Newly and recently qualified lawyers with corporate or banking experience during articles ■ In addition the department is keen to recruit those with up to 4 years relevant experience.

The department services clients in international markets which supply capital for borrowers of a considerable international standing.

Work experience will include:

- Securities issues
- Syndicated facilities
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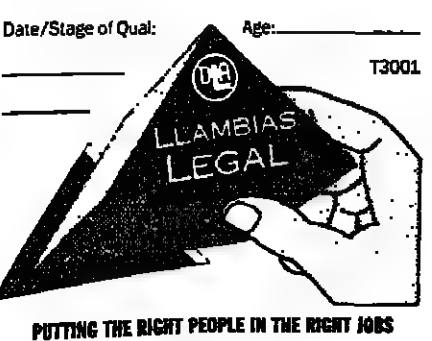
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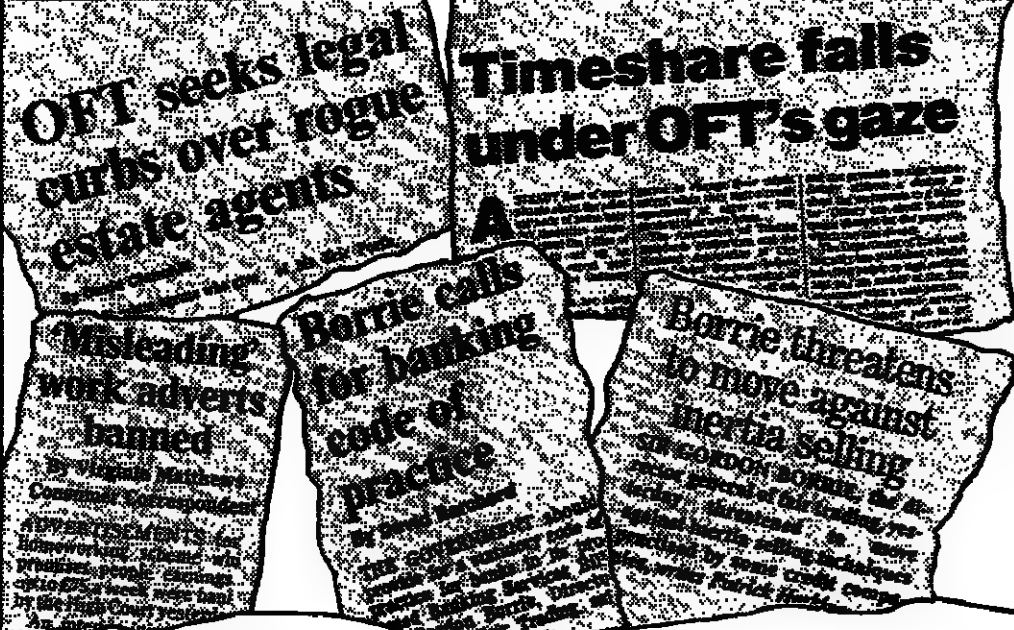
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Ingledeu Botterell need a high calibre commercial lawyer to undertake contract advice, drafting, construction and disputes for major clients in the marine and related industries. A generous salary package and excellent career prospects are available for the right applicants, who must have at least two years' PQE, and a proven record of high quality work for high profile clients.



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To assist in the administration of legal aid in Civil and Criminal cases; including taking instructions from members of the public and investigating the merits of applications for legal aid, performing litigation duties as performed by Solicitors and acting as advocates in certain civil cases.

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Hong Kong Government

COMPANY SOLICITOR

London c.£45,000 + benefits

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The candidate will become involved in a variety of company commercial matters and will advise senior management on Group strategy. A pragmatic and pro-active approach is essential and language skills are preferred. This position carries an excellent salary and benefits package.

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Insolvency

City

To £42,000

Our client, an innovative and leading City Firm, seeks a solicitor with one to four years post qualification experience to join its growing insolvency department.

The successful applicant will deal with both contentious and non contentious insolvency, including advising on the drafting of security documentation; the rescue of businesses in financial difficulty; the sale of businesses; the realisation of security and the initiation and conduct of litigation. This department works closely with other departments both in London and in their overseas offices.

This challenging post is an ideal opportunity for a solicitor, with good practical insolvency experience and an excellent academic background, to progress in a highly competitive environment.

For further details please contact Rose Hellewell or Anna Nicholls on (01) 583 0073 (Day) or (01) 840 5496 (Evenings and Weekends). Or fax your CV on (01) 353 3908. 16-18 New Bridge Street, London EC4 6AU. 29-31 Oxford Street, London W1R 1RE.

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Date: 6 February 1990

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Place: The Law Society, Chancery Lane.

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Paul Maher is an in house lawyer at ICI Plc, a blue chip multinational. He will be speaking about his experience as a lawyer in industry. We believe this talk will be of great value to lawyers considering the possibility of a career in industry and/or commerce.

We are currently instructed on a number of exciting positions for corporate and commercial lawyers newly qualified-4 years ppe and we would be delighted to discuss these with you, in confidence.

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We are now seeking a high calibre lawyer to join our expanding Legal Department which deals with a wide variety of work. The role will cover drafting, negotiating and advising on a broad range of matters which could include energy and fuel supply contracts, plant, building and commercial contracts, property development, joint ventures, intellectual property, competition law, contract claims and general corporate and commercial work. You should have relevant experience in at least some of these fields gained in commerce, industry or with a major firm of solicitors.

You must have enthusiasm and initiative to meet the challenge of a newly created business environment and the flexibility to cope under pressure with a varied work load.

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If you are interested please send your full C.V. including details of age, education, employment history and current salary, quoting reference 8/90/AO/LSG to: The Recruitment Section, Personnel Department, National Power, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AU to arrive by 21 February 1990.

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Our client is a commercial and well established central London practice with an international client base. It now requires a Solicitor with relevant experience to join its private client department, to deal with personal tax planning, probate, trusts and settlement work.

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- 2) Commercial – preparing and negotiating a wide range of commercial, trading, distribution and agency contracts; a knowledge of intellectual property and/or competition law would be advantageous here.

The successful candidates for these posts will obviously have good mainstream experience, very probably not less than three years' post-qualified. Once appointed, they will be expected to achieve partnership in not more than two years, perhaps less. In the meantime, remuneration will include a starting salary of £40-65,000, bonus and pension.

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Haringey Health Authority is restructuring its senior management to prepare for its new role in implementing the White Paper. The Director of Corporate Development is a newly created post to work directly to the District General Manager on leading this challenging work. The post will subsequently become an executive member of the Authority and the management team, co-ordinating policies and analysing policy options. A central task will be to manage the transition to contractual arrangements for delivering health care, dealing with the district's Acute Unit - currently a candidate for independent status - and with other local and neighbouring providers of services. Managerial and monitoring responsibilities will include business and commercial activities, personnel and priority planning, but experienced managers from any discipline could be considered. Candidates need to offer:

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For informal discussions and further details please contact Geoff Smith, District General Manager, telephone 01-808 1081 ext. 202. Closing date for receipt of applications is 30 February 1990.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: SAN FRANCISCO QUARTERBACK SCHEMES RECORD VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL

Montana proves untouchable

From Robert Kiley
New Orleans

Much more of this and Joe Montana is going to run out of fingers for the doorknob-size rings they give to the winners of the Super Bowl. On Sunday, he led the San Francisco 49ers to a 55-10 thrashing of the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXIV, directing his club to the championship of the National Football League for the fourth time in eight years.

The margin was the widest in the history of the big game, and Montana and his mates established a list of records that is longer than a celebratory crawl down Bourbon Street.

Montana completed five touchdowns, including three to Jerry Rice, and won the game's most-valuable-player award for the third time. He proved once again that he is no ordinary Joe by connecting on 22 of 29 passes for 297 yards and — oh, this is surprising — no interceptions. During one stretch, he set a record of 13 consecutive completions.

Montana received virtually impervious blocking from his line men, Jesse Sapolu, Bruce Collie, Guy McIntyre and Harris Barton. While staring for targets, he was spoiled for choice. Primary receiver, secondary receiver, maybe the running back — hummm, now that he has broken free of his defender, why don't I go back to my first choice? The man has such an awareness of his surroundings, such an acuity of vision, that his performance was deliberate, relaxed and, ultimately, sublime.

"My game was easy," Montana said. "I had some of the best protection ever. Our offensive line played just great. I don't think I was touched in the play-offs, really. Things go on this way, and I could play till I'm 40."

Seven team-mates caught his passes, but his favourite receiver was Rice, the most valuable player in the Super Bowl last year, who snared seven tosses on Sunday for 148 yards and touchdowns of 20, 38 and 28 yards.

"Joe had a great day," Rice, who scored on the first San Francisco series, said. "He was our key with his passing and he made some great runs. He had a little smile in the huddle. I feel good when I see



DETAILS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
San Francisco	13	14	14	14	55
Denver	3	0	7	0	10

First quarter: SF: J. Rice, 20yd pass from J. Montana (M. Cofer kick), 4min 54sec elapsed; Denver: D. Treadwell, 42yd field goal, 8:18; SF: B. Young, 7yd pass from Montana (Cofer kick), 14:25. Second quarter: SF: R. Rasmussen, 1yd run (Cofer kick), 7:45; Rice, 35yd pass from Montana (Cofer kick), 14:28. Third quarter: SF: Rice, 28yd pass from Montana (Cofer kick), 2:12; J. Taylor, 35yd pass from Montana (Cofer kick), 5:18; Denver: J. Elway, 3yd run (Treadwell kick), 8:07; SF: Rasmussen, 1yd run (Cofer kick), 8:23; Cofer, 1yd run (Cofer kick), 1:13. Attendance: 72,919.

Individual leaders: Rushing: SF: Cofer, 20 attempts, 61yd; Rasmussen, 11-38; Taylor, 6-14; H. Sydney, 1-2; S. Young, 4-8. Denver: Elway, 4-4; B. Humphrey, 12-61; S. Winder, 1-11; H. S. Young, 1-3-59. Receiving: SF: Rice, 22 completions, 297 yards, 297 yards; Young, 2-3-20; Denver: Elway, 10-26-108; G. Kubiak, 1-3-59. Tackling: SF: Cofer, 5 catches, 34yds, longest 12; Rice, 7-148-38; Taylor, 3-49-36; Denver: Humphrey, 3-36-27; Winder, 1-8-2; V. Johnson, 8-21-13; S. Sewell, 2-22-12.

That I know we're going to do well.

"I was really 'pumped up' myself. On the sidelines before the game, I had to wipe tears from my eyes. I knew I was ready."

Montana and the 49ers are undefeated in the Super Bowl, having won in 1982, 1985 and 1989. They are the first team to take back-to-back league finals since the Pittsburgh Steelers prevailed in the 1979 and 1980.

Yet again, John Elway found himself going the wrong way. The Denver quarterback faced incessant pressure, the kind that even he, with his redoubtable scrambling skills, could not elude. He was sacked four times by San Francisco pass-rushers, who had him over him like a cheap suit. He did not much like the fit, but, alas, it was the only style on the peg.

"Give the 49ers all the credit in the world," Elway said softly in his dejection. "They were awesome on offense and defense. You just can't make the mistakes we made. We never answered the bell."

Hounded all over the artificial turf of the Superdome, Elway was forced to throw hard and hurriedly and several of his offerings were dislodged or dropped. He completed only 10 of 26 passes for 108 yards. Despite fumbling twice, he rushed for one short touchdown, but only after the 49ers had run up 41 points by the third quarter. The successive interceptions he yielded to Michael Walter and Chet Brooks had led to swift touchdowns that once again punched his ticket on the express to Palookaville.

The Broncos have failed to win any of the four Super Bowls in which they have played, equalling the Minnesota Vikings for futility. Denver had previously lost in 1978, 1987 and 1988, the latter two with Elway and the coach, Dan Reeves.

"I'm definitely disappointed in the way I played," Elway said. "I don't know why we can't play well in the Super Bowl. It's very discouraging."

In addition to Rice's touchdowns, Brent Jones, the tight end, and John Taylor caught scoring passes, Tom Rasmussen found the end in the zone on two short runs and Rasmussen added a one-yard touchdown after Elway had fumbled in the fourth quarter. Mike Cofer contributed seven points on conversions.

Denver's other scoring play was David Treadwell's 42-yard, first-quarter field goal, which cut his team's deficit to 7-3. The Broncos were quickly out of touch. On their next possession, Bobby Humphrey fumbled at mid-field. San Francisco used 10 plays to go up 13-3 through Jones and never looked back, controlling the ball for almost 40 of the 60 minutes and outgaining Denver 461 yards to 167.

The 49ers finished with 17 wins and two defeats; the Broncos, 13 and six. Denver had been the only team that Montana had never beaten in his 11 seasons. Sounds like a good time to organize a new league for this guy — nobody in the NFL can touch him.



Hats off: Montana celebrates the 49ers' victory over Denver

ICE SKATING

Britons to compete merely for practice

From John Hennessey
Leningrad

The contrast between the Soviet Union's aspirations and those of Britain could hardly be more diverse on the eve of the European figure skating championships. The host nation will expect to win four titles and a number of subsidiary medals, while Britain are fielding their most inexperienced team in the history of a sport, which is entering its hundredth year.

British skaters are starting from scratch at this level, except to the pairs, where Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor will be hard pressed to retain the fifth place they secured at the NEC, Birmingham, last year. The pairs' event is stronger in numbers — 13 against nine — and in quality, than last year.

The world champions, Yekaterina Gordeyeva and Sergei Grinkov, who were missing from Birmingham because of injury, are back and aiming to reclaim the title that was theirs in 1988.

Svetlana Dragavaya, of the Soviet Union, who is the partner of Karel Kovar, a Czechoslovak, studying at Leningrad University, has been allowed in the pairs by special dispensation from the International Skating Union. Dragavaya has applied for Czechoslovak citizenship.

Catherine Barker and Michael Aldred, of Britain, are lapping up the atmosphere of this environment and might reasonably hope to improve on their performance in the British championships where one of the five judges preferred them to Peake and Naylor.

The ice dance looks to be between the world champions, Marina Klimova and her husband, Sergei Ponomarev, and Maia Usvova and her husband, Alexander Zhulin, and the men's event probably between Alexander Fadeyev, a former world champion, and Viktor Petrov.

The women's event is the most open in the competition but Emma Murdoch, Joanne Corway's successor as the British champion, and Andrea Law, can expect only to soak up the atmosphere, like Steven Cousins in his event and the two ice dance couples in theirs.

With the retirement of last year's winner, Claudia Leistner, of West Germany, Natalya Lebedeva, the runner-up, might hope to move up, but she was overtaken in the world championships by Patricia Neske, of West Germany.

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Leadingley face fourth round away to Bath

RUGBY UNION

The Golden Miller Novices Hurdle, the day's most valuable race at Leicester, could easily provide a pointer to Cheltenham now that Regal Ambition and Danny Harold have stood their ground.

Twelve months ago, Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore won the corresponding race with Tel-Echo. Now they appear to have a very good chance indeed of scooping the same prize, this time with Regal Ambition who was so impressive when accounting for Jenny Pitman's pair, Strong Gold and Black Moccasin, at Cheltenham just before Christmas.

With Strong Gold subsequently running a sound race at Warwick to finish a close fourth in a highly competitive handicap, Black Moccasin winning at Doncaster only last Saturday and

GOLF Hackers out of bounds at Open

By Mitchell Platt
Golf Correspondent

A clause, designed by the Royal and Ancient to dissuade "hackers" from attempting to guess the Open, as been introduced for the 119th Championship at St Andrews on July 19 to 22.

Conditions for the Championship are largely unchanged but overseas amateur players, in addition to satisfying the normal entry requirements, will have to furnish details of their playing record for the last 12 months.

It is a clear message from the Royal and Ancient that they will no longer tolerate the embarrassment of needing to account for the appearance alongside Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo in the Open Championship field of a "hacker".

The most infamous overseas intruder remains Walter Dancicki, a post office clerk from Milwaukee, at Royal Birkdale in 1965. He was fined £100 to play in the Open by declaring himself to be a professional. Dancicki, however, was not even a club member or in possession of a valid handicap. He scored 108 in the first qualifying round followed by a 113.

Maurice Fitzmaurice, a crane driver from Barrow-in-Furness, also squatted through the Royal and Ancient's security check when in 1976 he took up in the qualifying round for the Open at Royal Birkdale. He scored 121.

The Royal and Ancient have made the Open more financially attractive by increasing the prize fund from £75,000 to £225,000, with the winner receiving £25,000 and the runner-up £15,000. When the Open was first played in 1860, the prize money was £451,000. Any player who completes all four rounds in the 24th, Open to be held at St Andrews, will collect £2,700.

Johnnie Walker, who won three of his three Open titles at St Andrews, and Peter Thomson, five times Open champion, are among those only exempt from regional and final qualifying because they are past champions. Bob Charles, Tony Jacklin, Johnny Miller, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Lee Trevino and Tom Weiskopf are others in this category.

Exemption from regional qualifying will now be granted to the first five players in the 1989 PGA European Satellite Tour Order of Merit.

England reward Dobson

By Mitchell Platt

Helen Dobson and Linda Bayman have been selected to represent England in a new international match to be incorporated in the Helen Holm Trophy at Troon on April 28 and 29.

Bayman was the outstanding amateur of last year when, aged 41, was crowned because of the ill-health of her husband to miss the home international and the Vagabond Trophy.

"I'm going to give it a twist this season," Bayman, whose ambition it is to win a second Curtis Cup cap, said.

Elizabeth Beaton, an English international in 1974 and 1980, will captain England, the defending champion, in the home international at Humberston on September 5 to 7.

Jenny Stunt will captain England in the European junior team championship at Sharncliffe from July 11 to 15 and Katherine Hartridge (Cowdrey Park) takes over from Sarah Lowe as captain of the England girls team for the home international on September 12 to 14. Jane Rhodes will be captain of the England girls team at the Vitoria Cup at Seim Cloud on April 11 and 12.

Armour's debt to his famous grandfather

From Patricia Davies
Scottsdale, Arizona

At least one native son of Denver had a good day on Sunday, when the Broncos were thrashed by the San Francisco 49ers. Tommy Armour the third, who now lives in Dallas but was born in Colorado, won the first golf tournament of his career, the Phoenix Open, and won it \$162,000 (£26,800).

He also went some way to living up to his famous grandfather, the Silver Scot, who won the Open Championship at Carnoustie in 1931, the last native-born Scot to hold the title. The older Armour also won the PGA Championship in 1930, so proving himself a distinguished contemporary of Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones. He went on to make his name as a teacher.

Armour No. 3 said that his grandfather's 'How to Play your best golf' instruction book he ever read.

His predecessor would have been proud of Armour's composure and skill in the last round on Sunday. Three strokes ahead overnight, the Silver Scot was filtering and went out in 31, four under par, increasing his lead to five in the process. He dropped only one shot, at the short 16th, by which time he, and everybody else, knew that a distinguished golfing name had been resurrected in desert.

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Augee wins London title at last

Furious finale relished by Coe and son

From David Powell

Athletics Correspondent
There may never be another South London champion like it. Judy Oakes, from Lewisham, was beaten in a close finish by Myrtle Augée, from Greenwich; Yvonne Hanson-Nortey, of Croydon, was third.

The fact that it was a double-header, with the Commonwealth Games shot putt title at stake as well, gave it a nice edge.

Oakes had everything to lose, and did. She had not been beaten by a fellow-Briton for six years; the gold medal was as good as hers. A fifth round putt of 18.48 metres from Augée, adding three centimetres to her best, relegated Oakes to the silver medal.

"I came out of retirement for this, but the old spark has gone," Oakes said.

It was Augée who spotted the difference: "I probably wanted it more," she said. Augée had been chasing a victory over Oakes for seven years, and finally, with more than the South London championship at stake, it had come.

Oakes had led from the first round with 18.43 metres, but could get no closer to her British record of 19.36 metres. She is also a European weightlifting champion, but this time, the weight was on her mind.

"My training indicated that I was on for a British record, but it didn't happen," she said.



Clean-sweepers: England's gold, silver and bronze medal-winning shot putt trio of Judy Oakes (left), champion Myrtle Augée and Yvonne Hanson-Nortey

said. "Everything I did out here indicated that I was going to throw a long way, but I have let my coach (Mike Winch) down."

Augée has finished runner-up to Oakes in seven WAAs finals. When the ball went in, she yelled her delight. Oakes had one go to beat it, but fell 10 centimetres short. Hanson-Nortey, despite four foul throws out of six, held third with 16.00 metres.

On the third day of athletics, three of the four available

gold medals went to England. Kriss Akabusi and Sally Gunnell each won 400 metres hurdles titles; Akabusi, who set Britain off to the perfect start in the European Cup with his victory at Gateshead, this time drawing inspiration rather than offering it.

He had watched Gunnell defeat the Olympic champion, Debbie Flintoff-King, and 20 minutes later sealed the double for England. Gunnell, from the early hurdles to the last, was always a stride ahead of Flintoff-King, but, recalling

the Australian's finish when she caught Tatyana Ledovskaya in the most dramatic of Seoul finishes, the thought lingered that Gunnell could be beaten in the sprint.

Flintoff-King, though, did not have the reserves and, recording 56.00 seconds to Gunnell's 55.38, was it, he was hers today, but it's hard to take," Flintoff-King said. Gunnell now turns to the 100 metres hurdles, in which she is the defending champion.

Four years ago, Akabusi was fourth in the 400 metres, but because competition at the flat event was so intense in Britain, he turned to the hurdles in 1987. His once idiosyncratic style has been replaced with an impressive fluency. How much longer will it be, one wonders, before David Hemery's 22-year-old British record of 48.12sec is captured by the army sergeant? Yesterday, in a wind which unsettled stride patterns, Akabusi recorded 48.89 seconds.

The gold medal that got away from England was in the decathlon. Daley Thompson had held the title since 1978, but now it belongs to Mike Smith, of Canada. Eugene Gilkes, Thompson's substitute when he withdrew in November, took the bronze medal. Trailing his England team colleague, Alex Kruger, going into the final event, the 1500 metres, Gilkes won the race to finish on 7,705 points, compared with Smith's 8,525 and Kruger's 7,663.

Spectators enjoy masochists' show

A short, sharp chop on the water in Okahu Bay on Sunday may have resulted in competitors uncomfortably swallowing a proportion of Aschke's harbour but the first triathlon competition in a major Games was, none the less, a huge success.

Police estimates suggest there were more spectators, some 20,000, enjoying a free view around the course, than there were at the main stadium at Mount Smart for the second day of athletics. Triathlon may only be a demonstration sport, and almost totally ignored by the Commonwealth host organizers, but the Olympic Games are going to have to take note.

The respective winners from two large fields were Rick Wells and Eria Baker, from New Zealand, both semi-professionals from the substantial endorsements that are available from the cycling section of this gruelling year-cycle-race event.

Ken Ryan and Greg Welch, of Australia, took second and third place in the men's race and there was the rare sight afterwards of Australian embracing New Zealanders. Les McDonald, of Canada, president of the International Triathlon Union (ITU), invited entrants in the programme "to compete and have fun". For growing numbers of keep-fit masochists around the world, triathlon does indeed provide a great day out.

There are three grades of competition, and this was the easy one: 1,500 metres swimming, 40km in the saddle and then 10km as run and won by Eria Baker and Greg Welch, of Australia, on Saturday evening on the track. The black course, as it might be called, known in the sport as the "Ironman", consists of running a full 26-mile marathon - but first, the race director, was not too keen to prove an enormously popular among a public for whom it is almost a major sport.

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Parrellia led 9-1 after seven ends, 15-5 after 15, and 23-7 after 15. Bryant was constantly over-greening and over-playing on the short jacks offered by Parrellia, and a total eclipse seemed imminent. Remembering his aspiration to become the



David Miller

profession of home-based entrants. The event was dominated by New Zealand, Australia and Canada, and the first outsiders were Jim MacLaren, of Wales, 32nd, and Ben Schrobregues, of England, 36th, who did not even make the official England team handbook.

I am a great admirer of that other multiple sport, the modern pentathlon, a favourite with de Coubertin for the combination of the demands on a turn-of-the-century cavalry officer: riding, shooting, fencing, running and swimming. The spirit among competitors in the modern pentathlon during the Olympic Games is second to none, but it has to be admitted that the triathlon world ultimately engages many more countries and competitors at a fraction the cost.

It seems only a matter of time before the Olympic Games will be obliged to consider triathlon's merits. The ITU has asked for recognition and, with last year's inaugural world championship at Avignon and now Auckland, has demonstrated its ability to organize itself.

There will, however, be no point in the International Olympic Committee asking the Auckland organizing committee for details. They didn't even bother officially to publish the result.

It was unfortunate for Metropolitan Life, the sponsors of the first, that no little attention was paid to an event that proved an enormously popular among a public for whom it is almost a major sport.

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Downpour delays Jones gold attempt

From Peter Bryan

Louise Jones, the Welsh triple British track champion, should have been racing for gold here yesterday in the final of the 1000 metres sprint, the first women's event to be included in the Games programme. But the variable summer weather - in this case heavy rain - postponed her clash with former Australian title-holder, Julie Speight, for 13 hours until this morning.

Earlier, rain had also interrupted the morning session of sprint preliminaries, in which Jones was penalised for an infringement in her race against Sue Golder, at 43, the oldest

woman in the series, but by no means the slowest. She was soaked by the rain, which soaked the open-air Manukau 285 metre cinder track, were the women 3000 metres pursuers.

Nine of the 11 due to ride had completed their qualifying round against the clock, after the start had been delayed for an hour by rain. Another cloud-burst brought the competition to a halt, and officials eventually decided there would be no more racing. Under international rules, all nine had their times scrubbed, and will have to go through the hoop again.

Sally McKenzie-Hodge, of Wales, was the third fastest after

the nine completed trials, and should be strong enough to hold her place among the last eight, who go forward to the quarter-finals, scheduled for Wednesday morning. The best time was from Kathryn Watt, of Australia, who recorded 3min 57.4sec.

Sally Davies, of England, at 16 years of age the youngest competitor in the championship, and having her first international outing at senior level, showed her potential with a good, even-paced ride. She may find the re-run too demanding to allow an improvement.

Eddie Alexander, fourth in the Seoul Olympics, and one of

two Scottish sprinters here, took the hard route, and a painful one, in his bid to reach the sprint semi-finals.

Drawn against David Spessot, of Australia, Alexander's first of a best-of-three series was stopped because both were considered to be riding too slowly. In the re-run, Alexander's rear wheel slipped from under him and he slid from the top to the bottom of the 40-degree banking.

He lost a lot of material from his shorts, and also a lot of skin, but he went on to win the second re-run. Spessot took the next three races, however, to eliminate Alexander.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM AUCKLAND

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Football's £50m lifeline

By John Goodbody and Louise Taylor

Football was yesterday thrown a £50 million lifeline as the sport considered the financial implications of converting 91 Football League grounds to all-seater stadiums by the year 2000.

With it needing an estimated £130 million to carry out the work recommended by Lord Justice Taylor in his report on the Hillsborough disaster, the Football Trust yesterday pledged financial backing to the work.

Richard Faulkner, the deputy chairman of the Trust, said: "We would hope to make £50 million available over the next 10 years, even if there is no growth, to help clubs install seats and cover their terraces."

The Trust, which is supported by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their spot-the-ball competitions, estimates that it will give £75 million to professional football over the next 10 years. Of this, at least £50 million can be expected to be directed at the ground improvements.

Since the Trust was set up in 1979, it has helped the game both to comply with the needs of safety and also to combat hooliganism. Last season, it spent £1,546,088 on police costs inside League grounds.

However, despite the news from the Football Trust, there are serious financial implications for the game. Arthur Sandford, who takes up the post as the Football League's chief executive on Thursday, predicted extinction for many smaller clubs.

"There is a very real possibility some of the smaller clubs living a hand-to-mouth existence will not be able to afford the cost of improvements. If they cannot, like any other branch of industry, they will probably go to the wall."

"I would personally be very sad to see that. One of the first things I will be doing on Thursday will be to sit down with other League officials and try to work out an action plan."

Sandford gave the report a "cautious welcome" and questioned the timing for the introduction of all-seater grounds.

He said: "I am concerned about the practicalities of it. Clubs wishing to retain their present capacities may want to build new grandstands and that may not be possible for the start of next season."

"The question is: where will the money come from? There will be no point in throwing good money after bad and some clubs may look at abandoning present grounds. It may be better to wait two or three years for a new ground."

A typical reaction came from Jim Thompson, the chairman of Maidstone United, promoted to the fourth division from the GM Vauxhall Conference last year, who shares the Watling Street ground of Dartford.

Thompson said: "Our capacity at the moment is 6,500, which will be cut by 20 per cent at a cost to us of £400,000. Then, because people cannot sit in the rain, our two open ends will have to be covered at a further cost of £30,000."

"As we had already spent around £600,000 on getting into the League, our costs have been cushioned. Our

problems are not as bad as other clubs will face. I am totally opposed to the concept of all-seater stadiums. I believe this is an interference with personal liberties."

"I think that for some clubs, like Stockport and Reading, with huge open terracing, implementing the report will be a nightmare. Admission prices may well have to go up because someone has to foot the bill."

Graham Mackrell, the secretary of Sheffield Wednesday at whose Hillsborough ground the disaster occurred, said the report was "pretty much" what he had expected.

He said that the important items like the all-seater facilities "are something which football has to address itself to." Sheffield Wednesday have 23,000 seats. "I pity other clubs like Barnsley, which have only 2,000 seats," he said.

Asked if Hillsborough would become an all-seater stadium, he said: "Well, if the report is to be implemented, we shall comply. But a large number of our supporters enjoy watching from the stands. At the game against Everton on Sunday we had 15,000 on the 'Kop'. They clearly enjoyed going there because that's where they want to stand."

He said it could be expensive to convert the terracing to seats, but development work had already been undertaken when the Kop was reconstructed. The club has yet to decide whether to redevelop the stand at Leppings Lane, where the 95 spectators died.

Kelly enthusiastic over Hillsborough report

By Louise Taylor

The final report by Lord Justice Taylor on the Hillsborough tragedy was greeted with a chorus of acclaim from the football authorities yesterday. The response of Graham Kelly, chief executive of the Football Association, was typical. "We welcome the report wholeheartedly, it is excellent. It addresses the major issues affecting football for the foreseeable future admirably," he said.

Kelly stressed that football's enthusiasm for the report would not be purely passive. "We will pursue the recommendations with the utmost vigour," he added. "As far as new grounds go, the FA is already talking to two or three clubs about re-locating. We have a partnership with British Aerospace, who have a subsidiary construction company, Ballast Nedam, which could become involved in helping us in this area."

"The FA also has a design committee, and we will help clubs by liaising over plans for ground improvements and

Joe Ashton, the Labour MP for Bassetlaw, is likely to be elected the new chairman of the House of Commons All-Party Football Committee at its annual meeting tonight.

Ashton, whose entry in the Register of MPs' interests declares "two shares in Sheffield Wednesday FC (no dividend paid since 1935)", is challenging the present chairman, Tom Pendry, the Labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde. Members of the 60-strong group were last night predicting that Ashton would have a comfortable victory.

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The recommendations that the terraces be closed will have far reaching implications for football, but the authorities showed every indication that they will co-operate fully in implementing the changes.

Glen Kinton, the FA's external affairs officer, said: "There are three reasons why first and second division clubs will be all-seated by 1994."

First, it is in football's interests; second, the Government will introduce legislation to enforce it and third, if you shut the terraces now, every ground would be an all-seater."

Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, said: "Until we are all-seated we have no chance of hosting a World Cup. It is a question of re-educating the public."

Bill Fox, the League's President, said: "All-seater stadiums have got to be good for the game, certainly the first and second divisions."

League clubs have an annual turn over of approximately £150 million, with £100 million collected at the turnstiles, and while the authorities would welcome tax concessions, there is a consensus that football will have to pay the bill for the conversion to 100 per cent seating. Fox said: "There is no point in having a team worth a lot of money, but no ground to play on because the club has not got a licence."

Even on the contentious membership issue Kelly was conciliatory. "We felt we had a legitimate case against the national membership scheme, but even though it has been dropped for the moment we will continue to explore the idea of voluntary membership schemes," he said.

"Football clubs already have 610,000 members and it is a concept we must pursue in one form or another. I feel it is indicative that the League continued to hear presentations from computer companies, bidding to install the equipment, last week, when we knew the national membership scheme was not going to go ahead."

Kelly confirmed that recommendations that obscene chanting, the throwing of missiles, trespass onto pitches, and the activities of toxic outside grounds on match days, received the full endorsement of the football authorities.

With a break-even crowd of 15,500, Southampton would have no alternative but to raise their prices quite



Weighty matter: Kelly, the FA chief executive, faces up to the Taylor Report

Purpose-built grounds may be clubs' target

The insistence on all-seater stadiums as soon as 1994 will accelerate the desire and need for many football clubs to find purpose-built homes. The cost of adapting existing grounds in many cases would prove impractical and for some, in the long term, could spell decline.

That was the problem confronting Brian Truscott, secretary of Southampton, yesterday — for Southampton could be disrupting their advance by complying with the recommendations of Lord Justice Taylor's report.

Not only were they concerned at the cost and the difficulties involved in adding 12,500 seats at The Dell, but also at what effect it would have on their progress as a club.

Southampton, very much a team of tomorrow, have been forced to lock out spectators during their last four home games (at which they have had an average crowd of 19,800). If the ground was to be made all-seater, its capacity would have to be reduced from 21,000 to 14,000 to 15,000.

"We could never convert this ground to all-seater and maintain adequate capacity level in the long term," Truscott said yesterday. "Our average gate now is just over 16,500, but that could rise to 18,000 if our recent good form continues this season."

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Southampton have already spent a large sum of money in recent years modernizing the terraces in an effort to improve safety and increase capacity. That has now had to be cut due to the Taylor recommendations.

"I would have thought that that was sufficient. As it is, we get letters of complaint from supporters who have been locked out and been told by friends or relations that there was, in fact, plenty of room for more," Truscott said.

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English official cannot confirm drug test failure

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent
Amsterdam

Leading England Commonwealth Games officials were last night investigating reports that one of their competitors had failed a drug test.

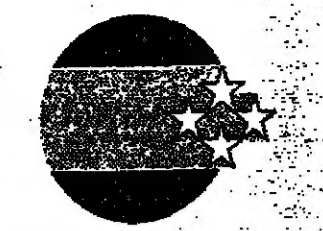
"I have heard the rumours and I would not be surprised if an announcement was made," one senior source close to the Games was reported to have said. But Sir Arthur Gold, the chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, said that he knew of no English team member returning a positive test. "I have not heard a word about it," he said.

A second unnamed source was reported to have said: "I am aware of it — I believe there is something going to happen." The reports came on the same day that the Indian weightlifter, Subrata Kumar Paul, who won two silver medals and a bronze in the lightweight division, was sent home in disgrace after proving positive with anabolic steroids.

But Gold added: "If there is a positive first test it is usual to immediately inform the country and the competitor to give them the opportunity of being represented at the second test, but I know of no such second test and something of that seriousness would involve me. I have been in contact with Brian Allinson, the general team manager, and he assured me that they have received no notice whatsoever."

When a drug test is performed, the sample is split into two. If the first sample tested proves positive, the second sample is analysed and, only if that is positive, can a competitor be said to have failed.

The two containers are marked with a code and a master list held by the head of doping control, who should alone be able to put a name to a sample. Gold was concerned that, as happened in the case of Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his 100 metres gold



medal at the Olympic Games in Seoul after proving positive, that any leak of a failed test may have come from within the testing laboratory.

"If there were a leak from the laboratory I would request a full investigation into procedure," Gold added. "If the laboratory has been able to identify the sport, the country or the person concerned there is something extremely wrong. But, at the moment, it remains an unsubstantiated rumour."

There have been two cases in the past of British competitors failing drugs tests at major Games. Kenneth Brown, the lightweight judoka, was stripped of the Olympic bronze medal he won in Seoul. Robin McDonald, a marksman at the 1986 Commonwealth Games, was banned from his sport for taking Betablockers prescribed for a heart condition.

First word of Paul's positive test came through a leak and Dr Tamas Ajan, the secretary-general of the International Weightlifting Federation, said that he would be making a protest about the leak. In Seoul five weightlifters were tested positive and Ajan said: "I hope weightlifting will not be kicked out — in that case you could kick out any sport because all sports have their own problems."

Mark Thomas, winner of three gold medals for England here in the heavyweight category, and Andrew Davies, who has won three super-heavyweight titles for Wales, reacted strongly to the Indian's positive test.

"The bad publicity really bothers me," Thomas said. "Drugs are all people are talking about. Lifters know the consequences — they know the rules and they know they will be banned if they are caught."

Switch is ruled out by Exiles

By Michael Austin

London Welsh yesterday quashed growing rumours that they are planning to opt out of the rugby union Courage Clubs Championship in England next season and become part of the new Welsh League.

The Exiles are threatened with relegation from the third division to the Area League South unless they win two of their remaining three games, against Exeter, West Hartlepool and Wakefield.

Roland Hobbs, the club secretary, said: "The matter has been fully debated and rejected by our members, who believe there would be no point whatsoever in switching allegiance."

"Our players are already watched by Welsh selectors when we meet clubs such as Llanelli, Cardiff and Bridgend and, anyway, if we joined a Welsh league, we would probably start in division three or four. We do not see that as our salvation."

The club's commitment is to the Courage Clubs Championship and despite our defeat by Leicester on Saturday we are starting to come good, especially after beating Wakefield 29-9 in the league a fortnight ago."

During that match Gareth Hughes came the first London Welshman to score three tries in a game for three years.

McLaren's entry returned

Paris (Agencies) — The official entry form for the two McLaren team cars to compete in Formula One motor racing this season has been returned by the sport's governing body, FISA. Jean-Marie Balestre, the president, said yesterday that he would refuse McLaren's application until he received a formal apology from Ayrton Senna, their Brazilian driver, over his criticisms of FISA.

Balestre said three weeks ago that Senna, the 1988 world champion, would not be granted the super licence required for Formula One unless he withdrew allegations that last year's championship was manipulated in favour of Alain Prost, his team mate.

Meanwhile, the British Grand Prix will take place at Silverstone for five more years after the present contract expires in 1991. Bernard Ecclestone, the vice-president for promotional affairs of the International Automobile Federation, announced yesterday that the Northamptonshire circuit had taken up an option for a second five-year deal.

The present grand prix circuit will be used for the last time this year, after which a fresh circuit with eleven new corners and extensive contour variations will be built.

The race is a snarl for Brands Hatch, which staged the race in alternate years until 1987.

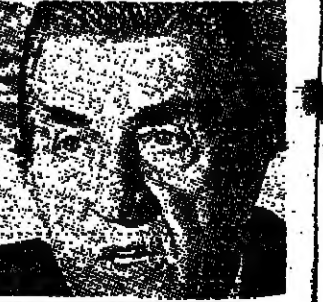
SPORT IN BRIEF

WPGA in new form

The Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) has been reformed, to cater for the increasing number of players who are club, assistant and teaching professionals. There will be a section of the WPGA at The Belfry, and already 85 women have joined the organization. They include Christine Langford, the club professional at Clevedon, a member of the Association for 13 years and former chairman of the original WPGA.

Soviet influx

Fifty runners from the Soviet Union and more from other Eastern European countries have surprised organizers by entering the international 24-hour indoor athletics championship in Milton Keynes this weekend.



Balestre call for money

Paris (AFP) — Jean-Marie Balestre, the president of FISA, the motor racing organization, has called on the French Government to supply the money needed by the Le Mans automobile club to build a private circuit for its 24-hour sportscar classic.

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